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MAJOR GOVT Shanghai's New Look



A division of Nationalist Chinese soldiers is shown marching along the Bund in Shanghai. As the Red Army moves closer to the Whangpoo, more military activity is observed. The city was recently placed under martial law.—(AP Photo).

Rumours On Future Of Dr T.V. Soong

Canton, November 18.
Rumours about the future of Dr. T. V. Soong, Governor of Kwangtung, have again cropped up here.
The latest speculation is that Dr. Soong is to be sent to the United States on "urgent business" on behalf of the Chinese Government—business generally believed to be in connection with further and speedier military aid for China.
Speculation as to Dr. Soong becoming China's Premier has been revived. The probability of such an appointment is thought to have been strengthened in view of the possibility of the Central Government shifting to Canton. Dr. Soong's "home ground" in the event of such an appointment is believed to be General Yu Han-ming, one-time military chief in Kwangtung, will take over Dr. Soong's vacant post.—Reuter.

U.S. Imports To China Show Drop

Washington, November 18.
U.S. imports from China exceeded American exports to that country in September by \$1,000,000.
This was reported by the U.S. Census Bureau yesterday in a breakdown of September shipments. In that month, total exports dropped to a two-year low of \$924,000,000.
The Bureau said shipments to China dropped more than 50 per cent, falling from 19,000,000 in August to 7,700,000 in September. China's shipment to the U.S. totalled 8,700,000.
U.S. exports to Russia dropped to \$100,000. Exports to Western Europe declined to about 300,000,000 and imports rose to 28,000,000. Exports to Eastern Europe dropped to slightly more than 12,000,000 and imports exceeded 13,000,000.
The decline in exports to Marshall Plan countries in West Europe has been taking place in the face of increasing shipments paid for by U.S. grant and loans.
Russia showed no signs of retaliation for American refusal to ship industrial and other goods that might add to Soviet war potential.
Manganese and chrome shipments from Russia dropped to slightly more than 2,000,000, but the decline in these strategic materials was made up by an increase in fur shipments.—Associated Press.

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VICTORY REPORTED Red Columns Intercepted On Their Way To Hsuehchou S'HAU LABOUR UNREST

Nanking, November 18.

The Nationalist headquarters at Hsuehchou, in a special communique issued at dawn today, claimed another major victory in Pantangchen, seven miles South East of Hsuehchou, according to the Central News Agency.

This followed immediately an announcement by the military spokesman here at today's press conference that Government troops gained control of the whole stretch of the railway South of Hsuehchou. He said, however, that train traffic between Hsuehchou and Pongpu had not yet resumed because many sections of the rail track were destroyed by the Communists.

The Hsuehchou headquarters special communique said the battle in Pantangchen started at midnight last night when General Chiu Ching-chuan's army group intercepted five Communist columns which drove towards Hsuehchou in an effort to relieve Government pressure on the retreating Communists in the Nienchuang area 33 miles East of Hsuehchou.

The communique said the battle ended at four o'clock this morning in a total Communist defeat, with the Reds suffering 20,000 casualties.

Meanwhile, another Government army group joined in what is officially described as an annihilation campaign around Nienchuang against General Chen Yi's Communists. The 13th army group, under General Li Mi, formerly deployed North of Hsuehchou, is now closing in on the Communists in Nienchuang from the West.

Pro-government reports said the bulk of General Chen Yi's men in Nienchuang already escaped safely to Tairchuang, Pihien and Tancheng within 40 miles North and North East of Nienchuang.

Three Communist columns were left behind to cover the Communist retreat. Government troops are closing in against the three columns from three sides.

Another report said today a small Nationalist force from Hsuehchou made a moonlight raid

Strike Threats

War harassed Shanghai meanwhile, was today threatened with widespread strikes as the city's one million workers' resentment over what they consider a totally unrealistic cost of living index issued by the Municipal authorities three days ago, grew.

Dispute over this index—higher than the last figure issued in mid-August and in which wages are paid—have already paralysed the Shanghai silk industry, one of the largest employers of labour, and are threatening to spread to textile mills and the maritime work-

Alleging that the index fails to reflect the true position of the recent price spiral, labour generally is demanding that its mid-month pay for November be doubled. In an effort to placate the all-powerful Shanghai Labour Union, the Social Affairs Commission, Mr. Wu Kai-shen, whose bureau is responsible for compiling the index, today approved the workers' request that repayment of advances made by employers last month be postponed to ease the workers' financial strain.

At the same time, however, he claimed that the index is based on actual and painstaking investigation and appealed to labour and management to maintain their past spirit of co-operation and avoid wage disputes in the present national crisis.

Despite the war threat, growing labour strike and chaotic economic situation, a comparatively small number of Shanghai foreigners are registering for evacuation at their respective consulates, it was learned today.

British, French, Philippines and Portuguese consular authorities all revealed that only a few members of their communities have hitherto expressed their definite desire to quit.

Meanwhile, a United States troops transport arrived in Shanghai from Taingao this afternoon for the evacuation of Americans and she is expected to be followed on Friday by the ss. General Butler which is said to have a capacity for more than 1,000 persons.

United States consular officials estimate that about one third of the 3,000 odd Shanghai Americans will go.

CKR To Use Armoured Vanguards

Canton, November 18.
As a protective measure the Canton-Kowloon Railway authorities are contemplating the use of armoured car vanguards for the distance from Canton to Shumchun.

It is expected that this measure will be put into effect soon.

As another protective measure the railway authorities have fixed Shekling station, three-fifths of the way along the Kowloon-Canton line, as the sectional terminus.

Guards, supplemented by armoured cars, are to patrol the line both along the Northern and Southern sections of Shekling. The report adds that martial law will be declared in the district after the last evening train is through and that those who venture along the line during that period do so at their own peril.—Reuter.

The wartime resistance leader, whose party has moved into a strategic position in the Upper House of Parliament, questioned the recent decision of the American and British military governments to return control of Ruhr industries to German trustees.

He renewed his insistence that the defence of France must not be centred in England.

The Communist party should be outlawed if it is true, as the Government charges, that the Cominform has been financing French strikes, he said.

The General spoke at a news conference which was prompted by the success of his French People's Party in capturing more than 40 per cent of the council of the Republic. The Council has only an advisory capacity, but by refusing to approve National Assembly measures, can force the Assembly to vote on them a second time when an absolute majority is needed to make them law.

Considering the present division in the Assembly, those absolute majorities are hard to get.

De Gaulle, whose strategy is to force the Assembly to dissolve itself, reiterated that it should only think of new elections which he thinks would even him into power.—Associated Press.

Colony's Rice Welcomed

Shanghai, November 18.
The unloading of the first emergency shipment of 1,000 tons of rice from Hong Kong under ECA China aid programme, was welcomed today by local dignitaries, including Mayor K. C. Wu, the United States Ambassador, Dr. Stuart, and Mr. Rodger D. Lapham, chief of the China aid mission.

Mayor Wu, speaking at a ceremony marking the arrival of the Hong Kong rice, expressed gratification for British and American co-operation and said that with the accelerated flow of imported rice to this city, the rice crisis has become a thing of the past.

Mr. Lapham, in reviewing the ECA's part in helping to feed China since the ECA started its Chinese undertaking, pointed out that the rice unloaded is one of the first emergency shipment of ECA food to China since.

He lauded Jardines for doing a difficult shipment job in quick time.—Reuter.

Many Feared Dead In River Mishap

Patna, November 18.
Five hundred people were believed drowned in the river Ganges today when a fully loaded river steamer, carrying passengers and cattle from Sonapur, Fair, capsized.

Sonapur is across the river from Patna at the junction of the Ganges and Gandak rivers in North Eastern Bihar. Except for war sinkings, it is 17 years since a shipping disaster had caused comparable casualties.

In June, 1931, a French excursion steamer was upset off St. Nazaire, drowning 450. Early in the same year, a Chinese steamer exploded in the Yangtze river causing 360 deaths. In 1921, another Chinese steamer cost about 1,000 lives when the steamer Hong Kong hit a rock near Swatow.

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Marshall Experts To Study Berlin Currency Issues

Paris, November 18.
The Secretary of State, Mr. Marshall, summoned American financial and monetary experts today from Washington and Berlin to advise him on currency aspects of the Berlin crisis. They will consult with Dr. Philip C. Jessup, U.S. deputy, who handles the Berlin case for Marshall in the Security Council.

This step was disclosed by an American delegation source as emphasis in the blockade dispute shifted to technical aspects of the currency control problem in the former German capital.

The American experts are flying to Paris from the Treasury Department in Washington, and from General Lucius D. Clay's Military Government staff in Berlin.

The experts will have before them a questionnaire on the currency issue which Security Council President Juan A. Bramuglia of Argentina has sent to the Big Four nations.

Mr. Bramuglia is leading a Berlin compromise effort on behalf of the Council's six "neutral" nations.

Dulles Urges Europe To Unite Soon

Paris, November 18.
The United States Republican Party foreign affairs expert, Mr. John Foster Dulles, addressing the American Club here today, said that if Europe failed to achieve unity, the United States might have to return to isolationism.

Mr. Dulles appealed for European unity and said that the lesson the United States had learned was that while it should develop ever closer ties with a strong, vigorous and contributing partner in freedom, "we ought not indefinitely to tie our fate to the fate of a Western Europe that insists on retaining a disunity and invites a recurrent war."

Mr. Dulles said: "There is a growing feeling in the United States that this third effort we are now making (the Marshall Plan) ought to result in a European unity that can provide the people with strength sufficient hereafter to sustain themselves in freedom."

There is a point at which transatlantic unity ceases to serve a useful purpose.

Mr. Dulles added: "Those in Europe who today live in fear have numbers, quality, institutions, resources and propinquity, such as to make it ridiculous that they have to fear. They ought to constitute an unsailable citadel of freedom and well-being. Only disunity makes them weak."

"It seems to us that the recovery cannot be lasting if it merely restores the pre-war structure of disconnected sovereignties. It also seems to many that the problem of Germany cannot be satisfactorily solved except within the framework of some Western European unity."

Mr. Dulles said that Germany could safely be given a great peaceful opportunity as a small minority—say 20 per cent—of Western Europe. But as one of several separate independent nations in Europe, the Germans, strategically located in the middle of Europe, have a tempting opportunity to manoeuvre their way back to a dominant position.—Reuter.

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STAR BELLOT

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NAME

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ACTOR

ACTRESS

FILM

PWD LARGENY CASE HEARING CONTINUES

Returned Banishees Sentenced

Six returned banishees were sentenced at the Criminal Sessions yesterday by Mr. Justice Gould, the Police Judge.

So Sin, life banished since 1944, said he came to take his mother back to the country.

The same excuse was given by Chan Yiu alias Lei Kwan, alias Tse Kian alias Tse Kwan alias Wong Hing-kee, who was described by Crown Counsel as a bad character with 10 previous convictions, and who was serving a two-year term at Stanley for larceny.

He said he came to Hong Kong to take his family, including a newly born child, back to the country, but was apprehended before he could leave.

Chan Fung alias Choy Cheung, with four previous convictions, said he had no excuse to give for returning to the Colony.

Lee Chai alias Wong Kwong alias Wong Ming alias Chan Nam, with five previous convictions since 1945, said he merely passed through on his way to see his sick father in Swatow.

Chau Ying alias Chan Hing alias Chan Tang said he heard his mother in Swatow was ill, and he came to Hong Kong to take the boat as there was no land transport from Canton to Swatow.

Four years' hard labour was imposed on each of the accused. In the case of Chan Yiu the sentence was to run consecutively with the term he was at present serving.

Leung Kwok-man was remanded to 10.30 a.m. this morning for sentence for the police to check up on his story that he came back to attend the funeral of his mother.

Eighteen-year-old Lo Man, alias Chan Sang alias Chan Ching, received two years' hard labour. He was sentenced for larceny from the person in November 1947 and was banished for 10 years. Mr. Justice Gould said he took into consideration Lo's youth and the fact that his record was not as bad as the others.

Key Money Case Hearing Continues

The Blue Pool Road key money case hearing was continued yesterday at Central before Mr. Hing-shing Lo.

The summons arose in respect of key money said to have been paid by Tin Wah-hao to Suen Soong-fong and which involved two payments of HK\$50,000 and HK\$24,000 for the surrender of No. 32 Blue Pool Road ground floor.

Instructed by Mr. G.S. Ford, Mr. Percy Chon prosecuted while Mr. A. Clifford instructed by Mr. Alfred Y. Hon was for the defence.

Continuing his evidence Tin Wah-hao said that he paid defendant HK\$40,000 on January 2, 1948 and the balance was to be paid by two instalments. Defendant admitted the money to be paid over to Tsang Shun-ming. Tsang will in turn hand the money over to defendant. Complainant then sent a cheque to Tsang. After that complainant through his solicitor seek for the return of the cheque which has already been cashed into his account. The second cheque was paid on January 14. The amount was HK\$24,000. Another HK\$24,000 was deducted from defendant as no rent was paid during 1947.

The cheques were produced in court which shown that defendant has endorsed them.

Cross examined by Mr. Clifford witness said that he was separated from his first wife and married again on December 2, 1948. He had four children by his first wife.

When they were separated complainant signed a document at Chungking giving his wife the custody of the four children. Another clause was also mentioned to the effect that when the house in sold complainant was to give his first wife US\$10,000.

The house was eventually sold for HK\$270,000, of which complainant paid his wife US\$10,000. The hearing was adjourned to December 11.

PUBLIC CAR DRIVER FINED

For driving a public car with out due care and caution, An Fatah driver of car No. 4974, was yesterday fined HK\$40 and ordered to pay compensation of HK\$200 by Mr. T. M. Chau sitting at the Justice of Peace Court at Central.

Inspector Saul said defendant car bumped into a rickshaw near Blake after and as a result of the accident the rickshaw was pulled and passenger Mr. T. M. Duxon, were thrown into the gutter. Mr. Duxon suffered damage to his suit of clothing and personal belongings valued at HK\$500.

The wiring of the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club in June or July last year was done by Government workmen during regular working hours and using Government materials, under the instructions of Mr. Spary, Ho Ting, foreman of the Wanchai Workshop, testified before Mr. J. Wicks at Kowloon yesterday.

Ho Ting, who gave evidence on October 22, was recalled after H. W. Forsyth, engineer of the Port Works Office and member of the House Committee of the RHYC, had detailed the conversations between Spary and himself prior to the re-wiring of the club house.

Another witness at the 13th day's hearing of the Committee proceedings against Kwok Kwong, foreman, and Austin Spary and Arthur Fredericks May, Grade I electrical engineers, on 12 counts of fraudulent conversion of Government materials, conspiracy, and falsification of documents, was H. F. Shields, dentist of Gloucester Building.

Shields said that after the installation of ceiling fan and two fluorescent lamps in his office, Spary called for the money and was paid \$260 in cash. No receipt was given at that time, and when he telephoned two or three times to Spary "he just apologised and said that he had forgotten about it and that he will send it."

The 100th witness in the proceedings was called shortly after noon when Miss Fannie Wong, secretary and receptionist to Mr. Shields, testified to having handed \$260 to her employer, who gave it to the same European man who called a few days earlier about fixing the fan and lamps.

S. H. Asho, sub-accountant of the Hong Kong & Shanghai Banking Corporation, said that the cheque drawn by the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club for \$1,502.72 in favour of Cheong Hing was subsequently credited to the account of John D. Hutchison & Co.

Paid \$1,592

S. S. Gordon, chartered accountant of Lowe, Bingham & Matthews, said that during July last year his firm handled the accounts of the RHYC, and that on the 11th of that month he signed a cheque for \$1,502.72 in settlement of an account with Cheong Hing, for electrical work done at the club house.

Donald Black, Chairman and Hon. Secy of the Hong Kong Football Club, stated that the fans in the club house might have been installed without his knowledge, as he was away from the club at the time, and the books are kept by a clerk in his firm.

Witness explained that all bills are produced at the monthly meetings of the committee, and that when they are passed he hands them over to his firm which acts as treasurers of the Club.

He could find no entry in the firm's books regarding the purchase of the two fans or any other electrical equipment for the club, said witness.

When he met Spary at either the Sports Club or the Kowloon Bowling Club one evening between June and August last year, said H. F. Shields, he asked him whether he (Spary) could assist him with some electrical work by introducing a good electrician. Spary said that he could, and did.

Some time after the conversation, Spary called at his office and asked what exactly was wanted. After being shown by witness Spary said he understood and would arrange for some one to do the work.

Later, workmen arrived and installed two fluorescent lamps and a ceiling fan. Spary called again after the work was completed, and asked whether it was satisfactory. He asked for payment for the contractor and was paid \$250 in cash. Witness said he asked Spary for the receipt, and then phoned him two or three times about the same thing.

"No Just Apologies"

"When I telephoned him he just apologised and said that he had forgotten it and that he would send it," said witness who identified Ho Ting as one of the men who had been in his office some time or other.

"I asked Spary if he could recommend to me a firm of electricians who could do the work," said H. W. Forsyth, referring to the re-wiring of the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club. "I asked him in his office."

Continuing, witness said, "Spary asked me the nature of the work, and I described approximately the type of work required. Mr. Spary said that he could arrange for the work to be done for me."

Mr. Spary said that the work involved was not much, and that his colleagues, who were in the club house, as an area as I realised that the work was to be done by Government workmen. I asked him whether the materials were to come from.

"Mr. Spary said that he could get the materials from Government stores, and that he could get it cheaper than I could."

"I stipulated that work done by Government must be about to done on Saturday afternoon or Sunday morning for the work to be done on the club house," said witness.

Police Want Information

Will the two Europeans, who found the body of a Chinese man in the nulla near Boundary Street at 10.40 p.m. on November 14, please communicate with Sub-Inspector Roberts, Shamshuiho CID, Telephone 50783.

Cautioned For Evading Bus Fare

Kan Hang-chi, aged 30, attached to the Social Welfare Office, came before Mr. F. X. d'Almada at Central yesterday charged with impersonating a police officer and attempting to evade bus fare.

Defendant, through his counsel Mr. A. S. C. Comer, pleaded not guilty to both charges.

Inspector Percy Lowe, said, defendant was alleged, when asked by the conductor for his fare, to have nodded and replied that he was a police officer.

Shortly after an Inspector of the Bus Company banded the bus and a report was made to him by the conductor that defendant had not paid his fare and claimed to be a police officer.

Defendant was then asked to go to a police station.

Mr. L. R. Burch and Mr. Li Chai-hong, both attached to the Social Welfare Office, testified to defendant's good conduct and both agreed with defence counsel that they were surprised to hear of the charges preferred against him.

The magistrate held that there was insufficient evidence in regard to the first charge, but on the second charge registered a caution.

Able Seamen, Foki In Free For All

A scuffle between two able seamen and a foki of a motor boat company resulted in all three being brought before Mr. F. X. d'Almada at Central yesterday and charged with disorderly conduct.

Defendants in the case were A/B Hogg, A/B Hilton and Kwok Ping-wah. First defendant was additionally charged with assaulting Kwok while the party was in the charge room of Central Police Station.

According to Police Constable 1080 who was on duty in Pedder Street at 3 a.m. yesterday, he was attracted to a commotion at the Blake Pier.

Approaching the scene he found two sailors and a Chinese all mixed up in a free for all.

He managed to pacify them and escorted them to Central Police Station where they were all charged with disorderly conduct.

While all the defendants were being questioned, first defendant, for no reason whatsoever, gave third defendant a blow in the face, which led to the additional charge preferred against him.

On the first charge of disorderly conduct, all defendants were cautioned, but third defendant was fined \$25 for assault.

Big Amount Of Gold Imported

At the Kai Tak Airport on Wednesday afternoon, a Chinese couple arriving on a CNAC plane were searched.

Found on the husband, Sze Yee-hung, were 30 gold coins and on the wife Luk Kwan-hung, 49 gold sovereigns, two Japanese \$10 gold pieces, one US\$10 gold piece, nine bracelets, two gold watch chains, two rolls of gold wire and two gold figures, the total value of which was approximately HK\$10,375.

The gold articles were concealed in the corset and shoes of the woman.

Mr. W. H. Latimer ordered the gold to be confiscated.

Kam Wan had four loads of gold on her when searched at the same place that same day.

Her gold was also confiscated. Revenue Inspector D. H. Knox prosecuted.

Dates For Civil Case Hearings To Be Made Every Month

Fixing of dates for the hearing of civil cases in original jurisdiction will henceforth be made each month on the afternoon of the day on which the Criminal Session opens.

The reason for this procedure, which was introduced for the first time in Hong Kong yesterday, is to aim at greater efficiency and to ensure that the time of the judges may be fully taken up.

The Chief Justice, Sir Leslie Gibson, and the Additional Judge, Mr. Justice Reynolds, presided at the first date fixing yesterday afternoon, when six barristers and representatives of nearly every legal firm in the Colony were present.

Explaining the new procedure, the Chief Justice said a memo with full explanations had been sent to the Bar Association and the Law Society.

He said the explanation might show the need for some modifications to these provisions. He thought that the new procedure was desirable and there should be no difficulty in carrying it out.

The object was to secure the maximum of efficiency, and he felt that given some measure of co-operation the system would work successfully.

The text of the memo setting out the new procedure reads: "There is at present a very considerable volume of civil work in the original jurisdiction of the Supreme Court. His Honour the Chief Justice is of opinion that the only safe course is to assume that the volume will not diminish in the future and may possibly increase."

"While the arrears of work are not exceptionally heavy at present and such delays as occur are largely at the request of the parties themselves, His Honour considers that the existing machinery for fixing dates of trial is not satisfactory and that more effective machinery is required."

Present Procedure

"The present procedure is for the dates to be fixed by negotiation between the solicitors concerned and the Judges' Clerk. The system is haphazard in the sense that dates are fixed for individual cases largely without reference to the trial paper as a whole or to the need for ensuring that all dates which the Judges have available are reasonably filled. Often dates are taken at considerable times ahead, but at the last minute the case is settled or a request is made for an adjournment with a view to settlement and the dates taken are wasted."

"His Honour, accordingly decided that in future the Judges will hold a sitting each month for the fixing of cases in accordance with the following procedure: (a) At 2.30 p.m. on the day on which cases are taken, at the Criminal Sessions each month, commencing with November 18, 1948, the Judges will sit together to fix dates for the hearing of cases in the trial paper in the presence of the solicitors and/or counsel concerned."

"The afternoon of the day on which plans are taken has been selected as the most suitable day for that monthly fixing of dates because the Judges will then be in a position to know what days are reserved for criminal work and therefore what days are available for civil work."

"The object of all dates which will be fixed up all dates which are reserved for criminal work will be to fix up any available dates for civil work before any judge for a fortnight thereafter."

Reason Given

"The reason for this arrangement is that if the judges on any particular fixing day only filled up their dates until the next fixing day, they would find it difficult when the next fixing day arrived, to fill up any dates for the next succeeding fortnight because of the short notice which would be involved."

"On the other hand, the judges will not know, on the early fixing day, exactly what dates will be required for criminal work during the fortnight following the next fixing day and the further they can go, the better they will be able to fix up dates for civil work during that fortnight."

"Subject to paragraph 9, the procedure on fixing days will be that cases will be called in the order on the trial paper and will be allotted dates on the principle that the first case on the list gets the first date available and so on."

"In this connection counsel and solicitors will be expected to give their Supreme Court work preference over their work in subordinate courts. Dates will not be allotted outside this period and cases have been allocated adjournments will not be given unless there are cogent reasons."

"His Honour recalls that the above procedure must be subject to some flexibility in special circumstances but is confident that with the co-operation of counsel and solicitors it will lead to a more efficient use of the time of the court and therefore to greater expedition in the trial of cases."

Hearing In Appeal Case Resumes

The hearing of the appeal of Chan King-luen, against the decision of a Tenancy Tribunal, was resumed before Mr. Justice Reynolds yesterday.

The appeal was against the rental of HK\$100 a month fixed by the Tribunal for No. 39, Lunkow Road, 3rd floor upon the application of the tenant, Leo Green. The previous rent was HK\$350 a month.

The grounds of appeal were that respondent was no longer a tenant of the premises as he had left Hong Kong in October 1947 with no intention of returning; that appellant had no knowledge, and never gave his consent to the transfer of the premises to respondent's brother David Green; and that the Tribunal was wrong in deciding upon the evidence that David Green was entitled to represent Leo Green.

Mr. B. A. Bernacchi, instructed by Mr. A. S. K. Lau, represented the appellant and Mr. Marcus de Silva represented respondent.

The contention of the respondent was that appellant's solicitors had signed a draft agreement, playing the terms and conditions of a lease of the premises. This appellant claimed to be invalid as it was not ratified by him.

Further hearing was adjourned to December 6.

Long Terms Given To Two Robbers

Robbery on a junk near Un Long early last month, when 33 sacks of rice were removed by the robbers, was recalled at the Criminal Sessions yesterday.

The two robbers, Chan Kiu and Chong Mun, were each sentenced to three years' hard labour and six strokes of the cane by Mr. Justice Gould.

The accused were among a party of three men, one of whom was armed with a pistol, who robbed the junk which was bringing rice from Chinese territory.

Following a report made to the police, a watch was kept, and the next morning some of the rice was found in a shop at Tsun Wan. Two boats at Tsun Wan were then raised, and most of the stolen rice was recovered.

A sum of HK\$895, proceeds of sale of some of the rice, was ordered by the Court to be returned to the victims.

The prosecution was conducted by Mr. V. A. Blair Kerr, Assistant Crown Counsel.

Both accused were not legally represented.

Five-Year Sentence For Robbery

Five years' hard labour, and six strokes of the cane was the sentence passed on Leung Tak-ping for robbery with violence, by Mr. Justice Gould yesterday.

Leung, who admitted the offence, robbed a young woman of her finger ring, at 10.15 p.m. on September 24, as she was walking along Castle Road. He knocked her to the ground and took the ring off her finger.

Raymond Chung, who happened to pass by in his car, came to the assistance of the woman with his driver, and two Portuguese gentlemen named Roza and Botelho also joined in the chase, and caught Leung. The ring was recovered.

After sentence was passed Mr. Justice Gould complimented the four men who apprehended the accused, for their courage and public-spiritedness.

The prosecution was conducted by Mr. V. A. Blair Kerr, Assistant Crown Counsel. Leung was not legally represented.

LECTURE GIVEN FOR Y-MEN

Miss Margaret Watson, Principal, Almonde of the Medical Department, gave a very interesting talk on the work of the Y-Men at the Y-Men's meeting held at the Chinese Bankers Association last night.

The meeting, which was well attended, was followed by a social dinner and all members and their friends had a very enjoyable evening.

Chinese GI's Leave For U.S. With War Brides

New Railway Time Table Announced

The General Manager, Railway, announces that a new Time Table will come into operation on Saturday, November 20.

Alterations have been made to the time of arrival and departure of the Through Trains to and from Canton which will mean an earlier arrival at the two terminals. This service will now be as under:

Kowloon dep. 7.50 a.m. 9.30 a.m. 2.30 p.m. Canton arr. 12.24 p.m. 1.58 p.m. 7.63 p.m. Canton dep. 7.45 a.m. 2.00 p.m. 4.25 p.m. Kowloon arr. 12.16 p.m. 6.25 p.m. 8.04 p.m.

Certain alterations have been made to the local train service, the most important being the train from the New Territories to the morning. This will now leave Sham Shui Po at 7.22 a.m. and arrive at Kowloon at 8.25 a.m. instead of 8.11 a.m.

Ying Wa Girls Presented Certificates

The Ying Wa Girls' School held a Programme yesterday, Speech Day, during which Certificates were presented to various students in the school, and a School Report for 1942-43 was read.

The Programme commenced with a hymn sung by the Middle School students, followed by a short remark from the Rev. F. Short.

Then, the Report was read out by the Headmistress concerning the past academic year of the school, during which it was marked with progress on the whole.

The Certificates were presented by Professor Ma Kiam. A brief address was made by the professor to all the students.

Following, were the winners of the Certificates: Chan Shuk-woon, Lee Foon-chuk, Lo Puk-yuen, Young Bile-mul, Hong Kong School Certificate.

Junior Middle School Certificate: With Honours: Lam Wai-hung, Shum Shuk-choi, Lee Ching-ching, Shum Shuk-yue, Lau Shuk-yuen, Passed: Ho Choi-kim, Pang Sing-fai, Yeung Chi-mo, Lui Shin-yue, Sun Moo-shu, Lui Kwok-hung, Ip Kiu-luen, Lee Mui-ying, Tang Sau-wan, Lam Shuen-ying.

Refugees To Aggravate Housing Shortage

Hong Kong's acute housing shortage is likely to be further aggravated with the influx of large numbers of refugees from the North.

The ss. Shengking which arrived from Shanghai yesterday brought a full complement of Chinese passengers and approximately 20 Europeans, among whom were Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Davis and two children, Mrs. H. Hirst, and Messrs. S. N. Winton, C. C. Young, S. C. Redford, V. M. Allington and W. B. Sim.

Scenes reminiscent of the days when refugees were fleeing from Hong Kong during the Japanese occupation were in evidence at the Christian Wharf after the berthing of the Shengking.

Crowded on the wharf were hundreds of Chinese refugees and their baggage. A large proportion of these refugees were apparently of the poorer class.

Many of them appeared to be in a dazed and bewildered condition and did not seem to know what was going on as they clutched tightly at their worldly possessions.

There were also many rich Shanghai Chinese among the refugees, and their affluent appearance contrasted sharply with that of their less fortunate countrymen.

While the poorer class of refugees carried all their belongings wrapped in a large blanket, the richer refugees brought with them luxurious furniture, expensive radios and other household articles.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH HOLDS BAZAAR

Tomorrow St. Mary's Church, Tai Hang Road, Causeway Bay, will hold its first Bazaar since the end of the war.

Mrs. Lambert Kwok will perform the opening ceremony, which will take place at 11 a.m. There will be side-shows as well as stalls, packed with a variety of goods suitable for personal use and for Christmas gifts. Tea and refreshments will be served, and indications point to a very pleasant time for all who attend.

With less than six weeks left to bring their war brides home, 25 more returning American-Chinese GIs and their families left Hong Kong by air yesterday for the United States.

A varied group, among them being a grocer, a butcher, laundrymen, waiters and Columbia University students, they departed by PAL's specially-chartered "GI War Bride" Flying Tiger plane.

This was the third of a series of priority weekly flights for Mr. GI Joe and family. On December 28, the priority entry into the United States for wives of former Chinese GIs, as provided by the GI Bill of Rights, will end.

With the American maritime strike, hundreds are faced with the only alternative of taking back their families to fly them to America.

By air, land and sea, they are flocking into the Colony and invading travel agencies for bookings before they find, by the stroke of a pen, their families barred from America.

To cope with the sudden influx and help them beat the deadline, PAL chartered a DC4 from the Flying Tiger Line and inaugurated their special "GI War Bride" flights on November 1, when the first 25 GI Joees and their families were flown home. Two hundred are booked for the last four trips, ending December 20. The company reported that several hundreds had to be turned down due to the limited period.

Back To China

Mostly natives of Toisan and Cheung in the Kwangtung Province, the former American-Chinese servicemen came to China after the war to take advantage of certain privileges granted by the American Congress, among them being that they could bring home their families with them.

Through traditional filial piety and financial circumstances, these men have chosen the "illustrious" but Victorian ideal of a wife from among the village belles.

A Columbia University student explained why they have married such "womely" ladies.

"Back at home a wife has really a tough job," he said. "There are no amias, and she has to do the housework all by herself and has to learn to like it."

The Real Education

"Our wives have the real education, as a matter of fact," he stated. "From young, they were trained, or learned by experience, to look after the elders and superior (not that I declare myself such as a husband). They make good housewives and, above all, ideal mothers."

"Another factor which decided our Victorian preferences," he concluded, "is purely financial."

Arrivals at the Peninsula Hotel on Wednesday: Mr. Frank Smith, Mr. Chon Tooping, Mr. E. B. Cummins, Mr. J. F. Zee, Mr. Z. Y. Chang, Mrs. M. G. Frederick, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Orlove, Mr. J. F. March, Mr. L. Chiu-nang, Dr. Y. N. Yang, Mr. N. S. Russell, Mrs. E. M. Hyler, Mr. J. B. Franklin, Mr. G. L. Oosterger, Mrs. S. Bone and Mr. V. L. Sarpeant. Departures from the Peninsula Hotel on Wednesday: Geo. How Chee (P.B.), Mr. Koh Chai-koon, Mr. Chai Hun-chew, Mr. Lim King-pish, Mr. Tehr Lim-seng, Mrs. Woo Chao-won, Mr. Wong Ching-nu, Mrs. Ng. Chiu-wong, Capt. S. D. Christy, Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Pottoff, Miss B. Colley, Mr. E. D. Daya, Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Coffin, Capt. B. Randolph, Miss L. E. Jeerson, Capt. R. K. Aldrich, Capt. W. Hurley, Miss H. S. nerling, Mr. H. R. Fischman, Mrs. Moras, Mrs. Recto, Mrs. K. Harrington-Jon, Capt. D. F. Fowler, Mr. Jon Na-thaleng, Mr. Chiu Chiu-nang, Mr. Y. K. K. sin, Mr. Ng Hui-ta, Mr. Ng Kiu-shua, Mrs. Woo Kue-mow, Mr. Yang Ting-yew, Mrs. Nalin Saiting, Mrs. Lim Gok-sim, Miss W. Shun, Mr. Pinnaginsan, Mr. P. Magallan, Mr. J. J. Slater, Mr. and Mrs. R. Muniz, Mr. J. Tremayne, Mr. L. J. Graham, Miss E. L. Lyman, Capt. J. L. Holmes, Mrs. E. F. Chard, Mr. F. Pennington, Mr. E. G. Bailey, Mrs. Reyes and Mrs. V. C. Henderson.

Four Years For Having Revolver

Four years' hard labour and 12 strokes of the cane was the sentence passed by Mr. Justice Gould yesterday on Fong Hong and Cheung Hon for possession of arms.

Mr. W. A. Blair Kerr, Assistant Crown Counsel, told the Court that in a police search at the Kwok On Teahouse, 108 Queen's Road East, a revolver and six rounds of ammunition were found on Fong, and a dagger was found on Cheung. The arms were concealed around a table.

Passing sentence Mr. Justice Gould remarked that the circumstances in which the arms were found pointed to the probability that they were intended to be used for an unlawful purpose.

CONCERT AT FLEET CLUB

An Orchestral Concert by the Hong Kong Light Orchestra will be held at the China Fleet Club at 8.15 p.m. tonight.

The entire proceeds of the concert will be devoted to the Earl Hall Fund.

The Orchestra will render a semi-classical programme, and will be supported by Miss Joan Turville. Mr. Harold Wood and Mr. H. Hibbert will give a duet and flute duet, while Mr. Victor Orloff will render a violin solo. The Orchestra will be conducted by Mr. William Apps.



MR. MORE

HK Business Opportunities Promising

A multi-millionaire at the age of 25, Mr. Sanivaram More intends to continue the hard work that has made him one of India's "business princes".

Mr. More, who is paying a short business visit to Hong Kong, controls more than 20 jute mills, textile factories and at least houses in India. Agents for his export and import organization can be found in almost every country of the world.

This is only his second visit to the colony, which he believes holds wonderful opportunities for all types of business. After leaving here on Wednesday, he will turn home to Bangalore and, in February, will make his first world tour.

Mr. More said yesterday that, while India's political position was still uncertain, his economic state had shown great improvement. His business was one of many which helped this.

Beginning his career early in the firm established by his father, Mr. Ranshimulny, he works daily from 7.30 a.m. to 6 p.m. with a lunch-hour break of one and a half hours.

"I like sports but haven't much time for more than tennis," he said. "My only aim is to keep improving the business and, with it, the economic position of India."

Mr. More has a wife and a three-year-old son, who did not accompany him on this trip.

ss. Nanchang Arrives

Towed all the way from Singapore through monsoon seas, the ss. Nanchang, the 14,488-ton steamer, arrived here yesterday to join the small craft fleet of Butterfield and Swire.

Built in Canada, the tug went through heavy weather in the China Sea without damage.

The ss. Nanchang brought 320 tons of general cargo for the Colony and carries in transit 80 tons of rubber for Shanghai, Inchon and Pusan. She will depart tomorrow afternoon.

Flying the British flag, the 1,488-ton steamer has a crew of six British officers and 81 Asiatics with Mr. W. E. Awcock in command.

CNAC Moves Equipment For Hong Kong Base

The Sino-American China National Aviation Corporation is moving its equipment to Hong Kong, where it is setting up its base of operations.

As a result of this decision of the CNAC, all American commercial air pilots serving with the CNAC will also be coming to Hong Kong.

Correspondence

The Editor takes no responsibility for views expressed in letters by correspondents, and by no means necessarily agrees with them.

Approval In Principle

"Sir.—The headline 'MEDICAL STUDENTS TO TRAIN AT TUNG WAH' says more than can be justified by the text of Professor Gordon King's report to the University Court.

Approval in principle to the use of the hospital for medical teaching was, in fact, given by a meeting of the Directors and the Advisory Board of the Tung Wah on December 10, 1942, but details were left to be worked out.

Until agreement has been reached on details, there is no commitment on either side and there can be no talk of a working arrangement. These discussions are now going on.

There are difficulties, but we, on our side, are convinced that there is no difficulty that cannot be overcome by candour and good temper.

D. J. SLOSS, Vice-Chancellor, University of Hong Kong.

Chinese Blind Get New Lease On Life At Ebenezer Home

Kwoihing Choung, a 14-year-old Chinese girl, was a normal child until she became ill in 1942. Then she was given some medicine which cured her illness but destroyed her sight.

Liu Kwah, aged 17, was adopted as a child by local farmers. They found later that she was blind and abandoned her.

Stories like these can be heard from any of the 24 inmates of the Ebenezer Home for Blind Girls, Pokfulam Road, where Chinese blind, unwanted by their relatives, are taught to make some use of their lives.

Before the war, the home cared for 54 blind girls and women but 36 died when they were moved to the New Territories during the occupation. Now, half the building is occupied by an American mission school and there is no room for more than 24.

Principal of the home is Miss Sophie Moritz who was born in Pennsylvania and became a missionary after her education in Germany. Miss Moritz has done this type of work for 42 years and her assistant, Miss M. C. Tong, has been here for 20 years.

Their helpers include two Chinese maids and two elderly workers, but most of the work in the home is done by the blind inmates themselves, whose capabilities are surprising.

Fully Occupied

From the time they rise at 6.30 a.m. until bedtime at 9 p.m. they are fully occupied knitting, learning Braille, learning music, cooking and working in the garden or house.

Before the war, their knitted work sold for about \$3,000 but, with only half the number now, it brings much less. If they are unable to knit on arrival, the inmates are taught in the German style and follow intricate patterns from Braille instructions.

Their work includes jumpers, blouses, vests and knit table covers of 24 doyleys of the finest cotton in lace patterns. Many of these are made to order but others may be purchased at the home.

Miss Moritz said that new arrivals of whatever age were first taught to read and type Braille. Some were quick pupils, other preferred household to their studies.

Any with special talent were helped in every way and one woman of 60 who was an excellent musician, recently obtained a teaching position at a Canton girls' school.

Most of the present inmates range from 15 to more than 50 and they rely on sympathisers for any variety in their life, such as an occasional picnic or present. They are delighted by the smallest gift—even a cake of perfumed soap, talcum powder or a bottle of perfume.

One Set Of Clothes

Each begins life at the institution with little more than one set of clothes and has either to knit the rest or rely on charity. Her pocket money of \$1.50 a month is used for extras.

Donations

FOOD PARCELS FUND

The following is a list of the donations received up to November 18, which have not yet been acknowledged in the Press: Ladies' Committee, HK\$ 50.00. Received up to October 28, 1942 and already acknowledged in the Press: HK\$ 63,332.25.

Total donations received up to November 18, 1942, HK\$ 123,822.25.

Donations may be sent to the Hon. Treasurers, Messrs. Peas, Marwick, Mitchell & Co., Exchange Building.

ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL RESTORATION FUND

The following is a list of the donations received up to November 18, which have not yet been acknowledged in the Press: Mrs. T. W. Shewan, HK\$ 25.00. Irene Sison, HK\$ 25.00.

Received up to October 28, 1942 and already acknowledged: HK\$ 181.55.

Total donations received up to November 18, 1942, HK\$ 181.55.

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ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL ORGAN FUND

The following is a list of the donations received up to November 18, which have not yet been acknowledged in the Press: Mrs. T. W. Shewan, HK\$ 25.00. Irene Sison, HK\$ 25.00.

Received up to October 28, 1942 and already acknowledged: HK\$ 29,291.11.

Total donations received up to November 18, 1942, HK\$ 29,291.11.

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Reminders

Today: H. K. Light Orchestra Concert in aid of Earl Hall Fund, China Fleet Club, 9.15 p.m. Reception in honour of the Rev. G. Stevenson, at Garrison School, Garden Road, 5.30 p.m. Malaya Combined Services Cricket XI v Combined Services, Chater Road, 11 a.m.

Coming Events

TOMORROW: St. Mary's Church Bazaar at the Church Hall, Tai Hang, Garden Causeway, 11 a.m. Trial run of Vehicular Ferry Vessel Man Kung, 3 p.m.

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DANCE—Saturday, November 20, 1948

The opening Dance of the Winter Season has been arranged for Saturday, the 20th November 8.30 p.m. to 1 a.m. and the Royal Marine Dance Band will be in attendance. Tickets can be obtained from Messrs. Percy Smith & Co., Windsor House or the H.K.C.C. Dress is optional.

NOTICE

HONG KONG CRICKET CLUB

"SMOKER"—Sunday, November 21, 1948.

An Interpot "Smoker" will be held on Sunday evening the November 21. All those wishing to attend this function are requested to enter their names on the list placed in the Bar. Steak & Kidney Pudding Supper will be served at 8.45 p.m.

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SCAP Working On Accelerated Plan For Jap Economy

Washington, November 18.

Dr. Sherwood Fine, Director of Finance and Economics at Allied Headquarters in Tokyo, said today that occupation authorities are working on an accelerated programme, both domestically and abroad.

The American economist arrived here yesterday at the head of a Tokyo mission for prolonged conferences with the Army's Civil Affairs Authorities.

Commenting on rumours that Tokyo Headquarters economic chiefs were alarmed that the reconstruction programme might be due for revolutionary changes, Dr. Fine said, "that is too strong a term."

"This programme by necessity must be altered as it progresses to meet changing conditions both within and outside Japan," he added. "Further changes are under consideration, but there will be no revision in the foreseeable future." He added that "disturbed conditions throughout the world are heavy obstacles to this drive, but we are making progress."

Dr. Fine forecast that the one-time empire's overseas business would continue to show steady growth and that the recent U.S. decision to permit Japanese businessmen to go abroad to develop markets would have a beneficial effect.

Expresses Confidence Dr. Fine and other members of the mission said that failure of the Pacific Allies to settle the reparations question is providing a hindrance to the reconstruction of the country and that they hoped the issue would be settled shortly, although they saw no prospects for such settlement.

"This problem is one of the Allies to settle through the Far Eastern Commission," he added. The group declined to discuss details of other objectives here, but said, "We are confident they will be accomplished within one month," when they will return to Japan.

They said they will supply information for the Army making up Japan's reconstruction budget for the coming year, but declined to discuss amounts. "We are exporting steadily increasing amounts of raw silk for textiles," Eaton said. "But the market for end products, principally hosiery for American women, has greatly decreased."

Dr. Fine said that at the present the China crisis is being watched closely in Japan. He indicated the feeling existed there that if Communist operations on the Asiatic mainland continue to expand they can become a menace to Japan.

However, he added the belief that as long as the occupation forces remain in Japan the country is safe against Communist or other possible threats.

Two unheralded members of the mission were a pair of Tokyo carriers which Mr. Eaton brought along as gifts. The birds were carried from the plane chirping happily and Mr. Eaton said, "They enjoyed the trip immensely." Associated Press.

Workington, Cumberland, November 17. A furnace explosion at the Workington Iron and Steel works yesterday caused the death of three workmen.—Reuter.

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Orders by Comm. A. el Arculli, C.S.I.J., Commissioner, St. J.A.B. Hong Kong District, Order No. 30/48 dated November 19:

A. HONG KONG SUB DISTRICT Parades. Eastern Div. Amb & Nurs. Divs. Home Nursing Wednesday, 24, 7.30 p.m.

HKYMCA Amb. and Nurs. Divs. Parade Thursday, 25, 7.30 p.m.

Ambulance Duties Hong Kong. November 21 to 27, Chung Sing Division.

November 28 to December 4, Eastern Division.

Race Course Duties. Saturday, November 20: KCOB Division Motor Transport Div. to man Ambulance.

Football Match Duties. Saturday, 20: Caroline Hill 2.30 p.m. and 4 p.m. SCAA Division; Navy Ground 2.30 p.m. and 4 p.m. Eastern Division; H.K. Football Club 4 p.m. Central Division.

Sunday, 21: Sookunpoo 3 p.m. Central Division.

B. KOWLOON SUB DISTRICT Parades. Kong Wah Div. Yau-mat Govt. School, Friday, 19, 8 p.m.

Tsimshatsui Div. Yau-mat Govt. School, Sunday, 21, 8 p.m.

Shamshui Div. Nurs. and Amb. Div. Yau-mat Govt. School, Tuesday, 23, 8 p.m.

Mongkok Div. Yau-mat Govt. School, Thursday, 25, 8 p.m.

KYMCA Nurs. and Amb. Div. KYMCA, Thursday, 25, 7.30 p.m.

Ambulance Duties Kowloon. November 22 to 28 Mongkok Division.

November 29 to December 5 Kong Wah Division.

Football Match Duties. Saturday, 20: Boundary Street 2.30 and 4 p.m. Shamshui Division.

Sunday, 21: Boundary Street, 3.30 p.m. Shamshui Division.

It is the Commissioner's request that all Senior Officers attending the Annual Dinner on Saturday 20 at Brigade Headquarters will wear Winter Mess Kit.

(Sgd.) R. A. EDWARDS, Corps Supt.

HKVDC ORDERS

Orders by Colonel L.T. Ride, CBE, ED, Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps. Order No. 39/48 dated November 18, 1948.

Obituary. The Commandant regrets to announce the death on November 12, 1948 of Pte. F.N. Hill, HKVDC.

"C" Course. The course for B.Q.M.S. and C.Q.M.S. will be held on Tuesday, November 30, 1948 at 1745 hours in the lecture room at Corps H.Q.

N.R.A. Overseas Rifle and Revolver Postal Matches 1948. Practices for the above matches will be held on Stonecutters Island Range for selected personnel commencing at 10 a.m. Sunday, November 21, 1948. Launch leaves Queen's Pier 9 a.m. Sunday.

November 21. Calls at Police Pier Kowloon 9.15 a.m. en route.

Part 2 Orders, Order No. 37/48: Strength-Decrease. 3310 Pte. Antonio, F.E., No. 6 Coy. w.e.f. November 2, 1948.

(Sgd.) B. G. PUGH, Major & Adjutant, HKVDC.

NOTICES

Christmas Cards. Corps Christmas Cards are available at 40 cents each on application to the Quartermaster, HKVDC.

Lawn Bowls. The Kowloon Dock Club has invited the HKVDC to a Lawn Bowls match. Full details will be issued later.

Fareit Touring Team. The Fareit touring team will be playing the following fixtures on the Hong Kong Cricket Club Ground at Chater Road. All Unit personnel are cordially invited. Admission free.

November 18 and 19: Fareit v. Combined Services.

November 20 and 21: Fareit v. Interpot XI.

Sergeants' Mess Meeting. A General Meeting of the Sergeants' Mess will be held at Volunteer Headquarters on Friday, December 3, 1948 at 6 p.m. The agenda is being circulated to all members. All members are requested to attend.

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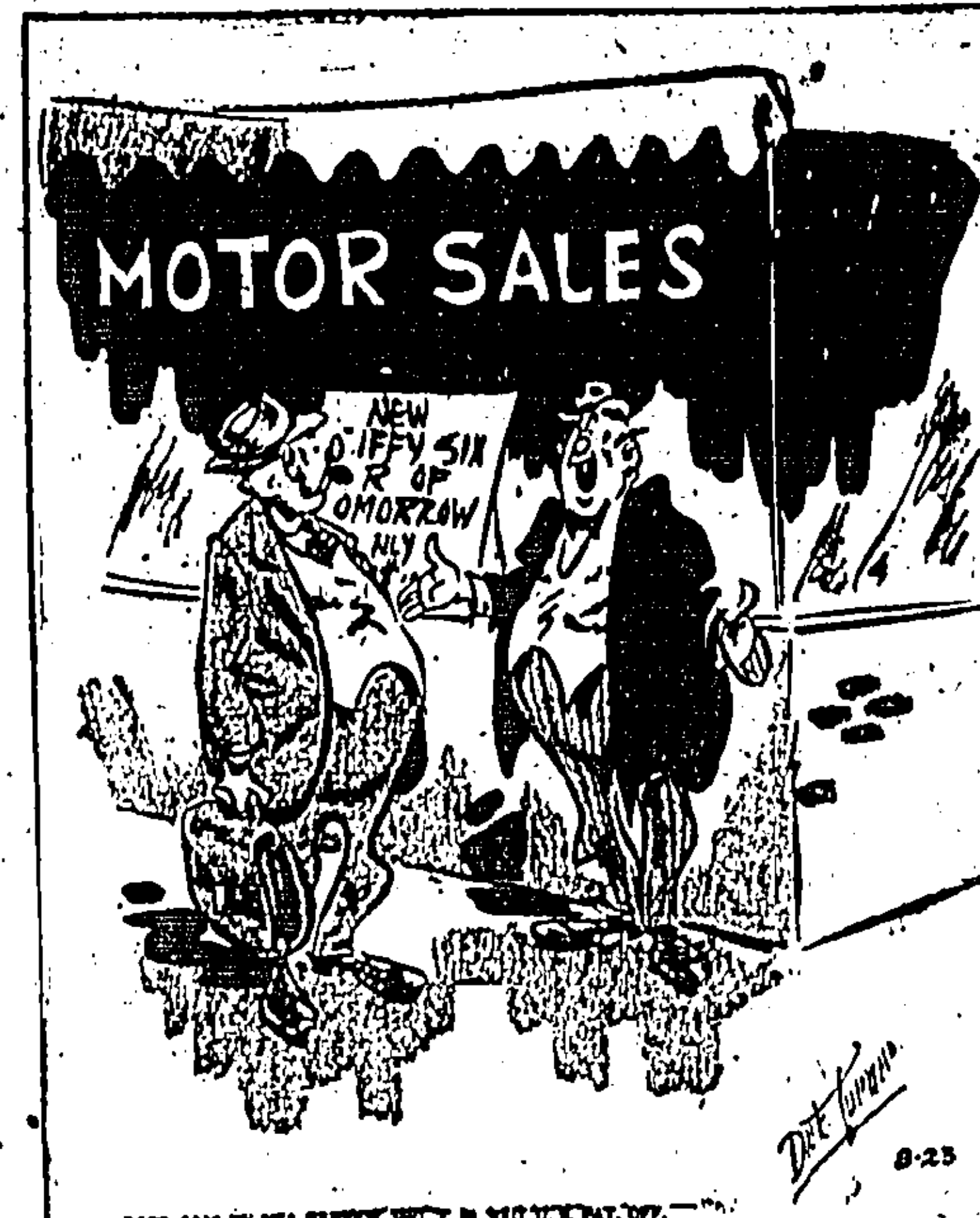
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S 7 5
H K 7 6 3 2
D A 10 9
C A K 2

S 10 9 4 2
H J 10 8 5
D Q 8 3 2
C 9 7 6 3

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S K 8 6 3
H A Q 10 5
D K 5
C K J 10 5 4

(Dealer: North. North-South vulnerable).
North East South West
1 H Pass 2 NT Pass
3 H Pass 3 NT

Some of the South players on this national championship deal managed to take eleven tricks in that contract. Another of them, was well on his way to the same result, by skillful play, when he was circumvented through the artistry of the defender in the West, who was Morgan W. Howard, treasurer of the Hearst Corporation and as able in bridge tactics as he is in financial and publishing matters.

He led the club 3 to the A, and then had little to do but observe and think for a while, as South scored two top hearts, the club K, the heart K, then three more clubs, on the last of which the spade J was discarded. After the diamond 2 had been put on the diamond K and A were scored, he saw what a clever South was trying to throw him in on the next trick with the diamond 10 to the Q and make him lead from the spade A-Q to the guarded K.

He foresaw that in time, however, so on the second diamond top he played the Q instead of the 8. That made it possible for East to win the diamond 10 with the J, whereupon East cashed two more good cards, the diamond 7 and heart J. These developments held the declarer to ten tricks instead of eleven, giving Mr. Howard and his partner a line score.

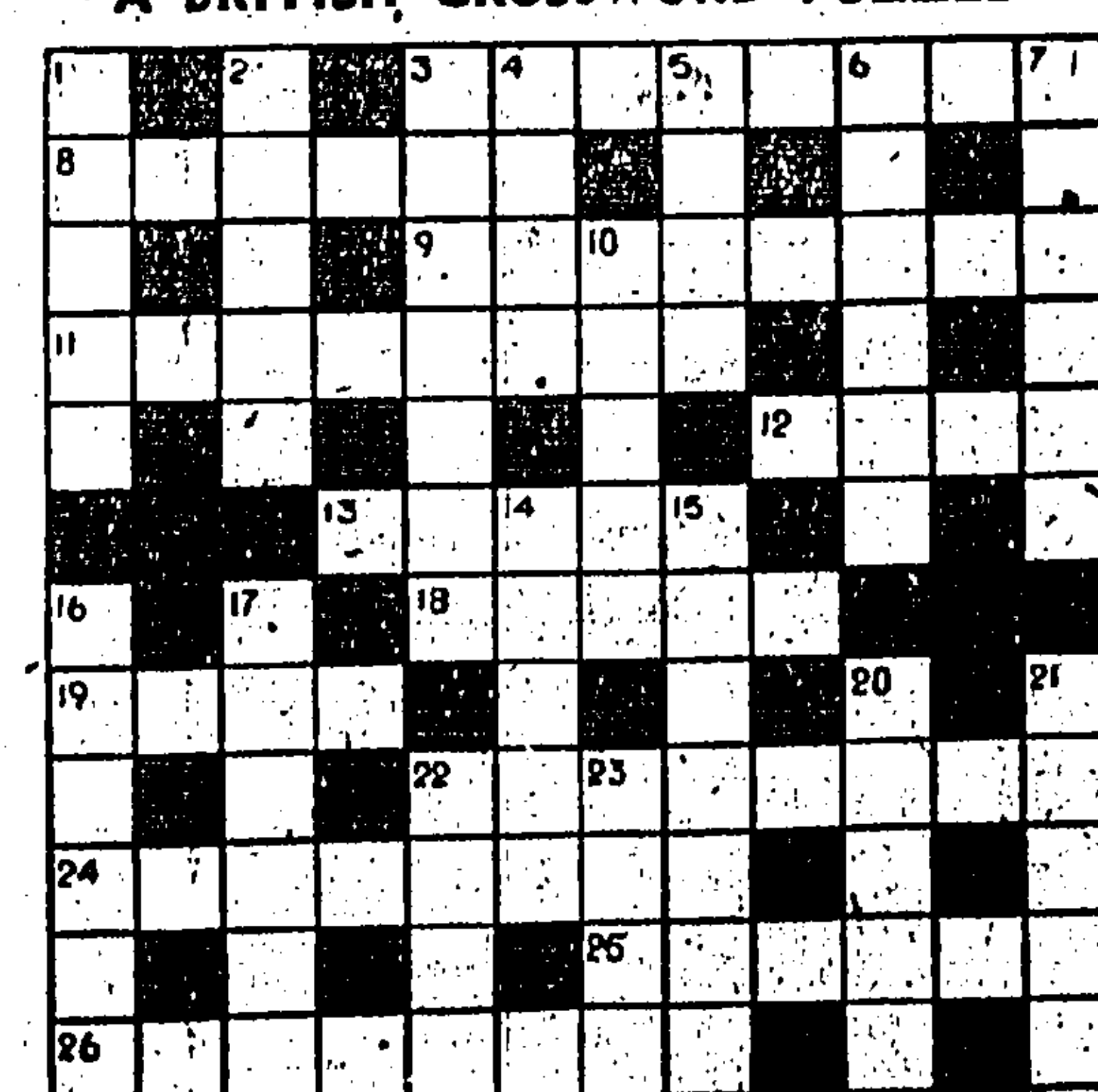
Tomorrow's Problem
S Q J 10 6 4 2
H J 8 6 2
D None
C Q J 9

S 5 3
H None
D A K 10
C 8 7 6 2

S A 9 8 7
H 10 9 4 3
D J 5 4
C A 5

After West bids 3-Diamonds, East—3-Hearts, West—3-No Trumps, North—4-Spades, East—5-Diamonds, South—doubles and West—Redoubles, what should North lead?

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Clues Across

3 Plundering. 18 Drain.
8 Wave. 19 Heroic tale.
9 Sittings. 22 Drow.
11 Reliquio. 24 Tortured.
the throne. 25 Fall.
12 Plunge. 26 Talk.
13 Put off.

Clues Down

1 Fracture. many.
2 Dodge. 16 Remainder.
3 Saves. 18 Feverish.
4 Extent. 17 Fruit.
5 Recess. 20 Wounds.
6 Sarcasm. 21 Snake.
7 Piece lot in. 22 Decolvo.
10 Scatter. 23 Favourites.
14 Not so.

Yesterday's Crossword

Across—3 Subsidized; 7 Orlop; 8 Operator; 10 Orator; 13 Retired; 15 Alibi; 17 Fiddles; 18 Lighter; 20 Acro; 21 Replete; 26 Cresset; 27 Desolate; 28 Ennui; 29 Restrained. Down—1 Donor; 2 Float; 3 Sarna; 4 Sure; 5 Detail; 6 Dureas; 9 Profer; 11 Rolic; 12 Titho; 14 Direct; 15 Addie; 16 Rests; 18 Larder; 19 Grasp; 22 Preen; 23 Earn; 24 Berle; 25 Blur.

Steel Bill Approved By House Of Commons

London, November 17.

The House of Commons tonight gave approval in principle to the Government's Bill to nationalise Britain's iron and steel industry, a measure which has been strongly opposed by the Opposition.

After a three-day debate, the Government defeated an Opposition motion to reject the Bill by 373 votes to 211 and the Bill was read a second time.

It was the highest voting since the Government came to power. The Government's total strength is 393, and the Conservatives 201. The Liberals and Nationalists voted with the Opposition.

Winding up the debate, Mr. Herbert Morrison, Lord President of the Council, referred to Conservative criticism of remarks last night by Sir Stafford Cripps, Chancellor of the Exchequer, about the danger of Communism if the people were prevented from making changes by electoral means.

"If you get a State and a Government which are reactionary and contrary to the popular interest, this kind of Government and State will run the risk of a violent disturbance," he said.

He added that he was confirmed in that belief by the fact that the Conservative Party were "trying to work up a Communist menace for their own advantage."

Tory Monopolists

"They had for better leave that problem to us because we understand it," he commented. Further, Mr. Morrison said, it was not without significance that the Communist Party itself in Europe had always welcomed the political triumph of the Conservative parties and even Fascist parties "because it is their belief that Toryism has no understanding of the people is the most likely to stimulate a Communist revolution and Communist violence."

Mr. Morrison said that Toryism had ceased to be the party of true private enterprise and had become the party of "monopolistic cartel capitalism."

"We cannot go on for all time with the Conservative idea of economic empire within the State, subject to public supervision," it was better for the country to take the next logical step and take the industry over.

Right Of Repeal

Mr. Anthony Eden, deputy Opposition leader, contended that the Government's sole purpose was by means of this Bill to bring free enterprise in Britain to an end. It would lead to "wholesale nationalisation."

"If the Conservatives won a clear majority at the next elec-

when this Bill was bound to be a major issue, would it be accepted that they would have a constitutional and democratic right to repeal it?

On the added point of Conservative claims, would it be regarded as a damaging act justifying revolutionary counter-action? Mr. Morrison replied that it would be perfectly constitutional for the Conservatives to repeal the Act.

"This seems elementary sound democracy, but I assure Mr. Eden we shall live up to it, and I invite him and his supporters to do so," he said.

Bonnets For Lucky Babies

Bayonne, N. J., November 18.

Baby bonnets numbering 100 have been sent to London for babies born on the same day as Princess Elizabeth's son.

The shipment was made today by a national young people's group called the Teen Age Council.

The bonnets will be distributed by the British Women's Voluntary Service in London.—Associated Press.

NAZI WOMAN SENTENCED

Tübingen, November 17.

Fräulein Gertrud Scholt-Klink, leader of the Nazi women's organization, was sentenced to 18 months imprisonment today by a French Military court for living under a false name and having forged documents.

She was arrested with her husband in February, 1944, in Berlin where they had lived modestly under the name of Stuckelberg. They had been "denazified" under this name.

A New Chapter In Eire's History

Dublin, November 17.

In 10 seconds, the Dail (Parliament) today unanimously approved the introduction of the Republic of Ireland Bill severing Eire's last link with the British Crown.

The Bill, introduced by the Prime Minister, Mr. John Costello, will receive a second reading next Wednesday.

The Bill provides for: 1. Repeal of the Executive Authority (External Relations) Act, 1936, under which Eire's external affairs, agreements and appointments were made with the approval of the British Crown.

2. Exercise of these executive functions in connection with external relations by the President of Eire.

3. A declaration that "the name of the State shall be the Republic of Ireland."

The long title of the Bill disclosed that abolition of Eire's last link with the Crown would be made without any reservation or alternative provision.

Today's historic action followed attempts by representatives of Britain and the Commonwealth to persuade Eire to take second thoughts on the repeal, which in the view of London political quarters will have the effect of making her a foreign country without the privileges enjoyed by members of the Commonwealth.

SCHACHT'S FATE

Hanover, November 17.

Brigadier John Lingham, Regional Commissioner of Lower Saxony, today told Dr. Hjalmar Schacht, now living in the British Zone, that the British Military Government was not interested in any further prosecution of his case.

Dr. Schacht, the pre-war President of the Reichsbank, wanted by American Zone Denazification authorities, had asked to see Brigadier Lingham and had half hour's talk with him. According to the British statement issued tonight, Brigadier Lingham said that in his opinion denazification was a German matter and consequently not to be handled by the British but the German authorities.—Reuter.

PLANNING FOR EUROPE URGED BY CHURCHILL

London, November 17.

Mr. Winston Churchill, the Opposition leader, urged an increase in joint consultation and planning for Europe when he opened a United Europe Movement exhibition in London today.

He said: "Through the medium of the Marshall Plan and the Brussels Pact, changes amounted to nothing less than a revolution in our international relations have been brought about.

"This machinery for joint consultation and planning must be maintained and strengthened and its scope expanded.

"What is good for governments is also good for people. They too,

through their peoples, must meet to consult one another upon these great issues which so intimately affect the lives of every European family.

"Who can say what may not be possible in the future? Anyone, who, two years ago, had the audacity to predict that by now Western Europe would have a joint economic planning organisation and a combined military staff would have been taken seriously by nobody.

"Under the mounting pressure of danger and necessity, conceptions which are impracticable today may quite possibly be thought obvious and inevitable in a few years' time.

Essential Task

Mr. Churchill said a European Consultative Assembly would perform an essential task which could not be performed by governments—the task of creating European public opinion and a sense of solidarity among the peoples of Europe.

Mr. Churchill added: "The creation of a deliberative European Assembly raises no constitutional problems whatsoever. If the British Government decides to give its support to this proposal, which has been put forward by the Governments of France and Belgium, an European Assembly will assuredly become an accomplished reality."

Countries showing posters, photographs and other items in the exhibition included Belgium, France, Holland, Luxembourg, Switzerland, Denmark, Italy, Austria and the "Free Governments" of Latvia, Lithuania and Estonia. The exhibition may later visit other European countries.—Reuter.

Belgian Red Issues Denial

Brussels, November 17.

The Secretary General of the Belgian Communist Party, M. Edgar Lalumand, tonight denied allegations reported to have been made by the French Minister of the Interior, M. Jules Moch, that he conveyed the first instructions to the French Communists to begin a strike wave from the Communist Party in November, 1947.

M. Moch was reported here to have told the French National Assembly yesterday that M. Lalumand and M. Robert Chassagnou, another Belgian Communist Party official, conveyed the instructions when "freshly back from Moscow."

Denying that he had ever relayed Cominform orders in a letter to the Belgian Independent newspaper, Le Soir, M. Lalumand also said he had never been in Russia. M. Chassagnou wrote similarly to Le Soir.—Reuter.

BRITONS FEAR ASSASSINATION

London, November 17.

The "definite risks of assassination" was given by the Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, Mr. Christopher Mayhew, in Parliament today as a reason why Britain was not putting more consular officials in the Jewish areas of Palestine at the moment.

The exhibition may later visit other European countries.—Reuter.

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Broadcasts Jammed By Russians

Washington, November 18.

The U.S. Assistant Secretary of State, George V. Allen, said today that the State Department has "located" 18 transmitters in the Soviet Union trying to jam "Voice of America" broadcasts to Russia.

Despite this the number of Russian listeners to the American shortwave reports is increasing steadily.

Mr. Allen quoted the U.S. Ambassador in Moscow, Walter Bedell Smith, as estimating that at least 8,000,000 Russians listen to American broadcasts from "time to time."

"It isn't very healthy to be known as a habitual listener," Mr. Allen said.

The State Department is giving no consideration whatever to retaliating against Soviet news-casts to the United States by "jamming them."

"It would be a thorough waste of time because nobody listens to them anyhow," he explained.—Associated Press.

WOMAN FLIER IN ALASKA

Anchorage, November 17.

Mrs. Richards, Morrow-Tait, British global flier, was held up here again yesterday by engine trouble. She said she hoped to be able to take off today for White Horse, Yukon territory.—Associated Press.

RADIO

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12.15 p.m. Catholic Prayers by the Rev. Father R. W. Gallagher, S.J. (Studio)

12.30 p.m. Daily Programme Summary.

12.35 p.m. Melodrama from British Film (Studio)

1.00 p.m. Bob Cratchit and His Orchestral Band (Studio)

1.15 p.m. News, Weather Report and Announcements.

1.25 p.m. Orchestral Interlude.

1.30 p.m. London Philharmonic Orchestra (Studio)

2.00 p.m. Close Down.

2.05 p.m. Programme Summary.

2.10 p.m. Children's Hour: "Dragon Snake Island" by Bernard Twell (Studio)

2.30 p.m. "Down Beat Blues" presented by Paul Street (Studio)

2.45 p.m. World and Home News (London Radio)

3.15 p.m. Sport Pre-View (Studio)

3.30 p.m. "Have a Go" A Quiz Programme introduced by Wilfred Pickens (Studio)

3.45 p.m. "From the Editor's Desk" (London Radio)

3.50 p.m. "The Bohemian" Act 1 and 2 With Lela Albright, Rosemary Hale, Talcott Bennett, Alfie Bell and other Members of the Theatre of La Scala Opera, Milan.

4.15 p.m. News and Story: "Here comes the Doctor" Episode 1, Read by Clifford Davies (Studio)

4.30 p.m. Symphony No. 5 in E Flat Major, Op. 67 (Shubert) Serge Koussevitzky conducting the Boston Symphony Orchestra.

10.00 p.m. Radio News Hour (London Radio)

10.15 p.m. Weather Report.

10.16 p.m. "Sweet Serenade" Peter York and His Concert Orchestra, with Paula Green and Steve Conway (Vocal) (HUTCH)

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standing of the reasons why his country took up arms and of the conflicting consequences of victory or defeat. Von Staeben commented vividly on this point during the American Revolution. He explained in a letter to a friend that in Europe you tell a soldier to do this, and he does it; and that in America it is necessary also to tell him why he does it.

Once the recruit of 1941 was inducted into the service the military leader had to shoulder almost exclusive responsibility for imparting such an understanding, but there was implied a glaring deficiency in our country's educational processes. It seemed to me that constant stressing of the individual rights and privileges of American citizenship had overshadowed the equally important truth that such individualism can be sustained only so long as the citizen accepts his full responsibility for the welfare of the nation that protects him in the exercise of these rights.

Belief in an underlying cause is fully as important to success in war as any local spirit of discipline induced or produced by whatever kind of command or leadership action. Cromwell's "Ironsides" marched into battle singing hymns. Their iron discipline was matched by an inner conviction that never deserted them in any kind of dramatic crisis.

Cromwell's Square, where our headquarters and the American Embassy were located, through the soldier's love of nicknames soon became "Eisenhowerplatz," and was so referred to, at times, in the press.

This was merely amusing, but the location made it difficult to lead a quiet personal life. British hospitality and the presence in London of a number of American friends combined to bring me numerous invitations of all kinds. Finally, to avoid the inescapable incidents of hotel life, I moved my personal quarters to a quiet little cottage on the edge of the city. I lived there with my naval aide, Commander Harry C. Butcher, and my orderly, Sergeant Michael McKeogh. Two Negro soldiers, Sergeants John Mooney and John Hunt, joined us to take care of the house and a simple mess. They stayed with me throughout the war.

From July onward I did not, during the war, accept any invitation except from the Prime Minister or from members of the American or British armed services. These always had business as their primary object.

Visits to the troops had not yet assumed their later proper place in my schedule; they were still relatively few units in the United Kingdom to visit. One of the earliest trips of this sort was in connection with our first offensive operation against the enemy—a bombing raid to celebrate July 4, 1942. The targets were four German aircraft manufacturing plants in the Ruhr. I was accompanied by Captain Charles C. Kegelman, included as part of a larger British formation, ran into severe flak and two failed to return. To mark our entry into the European fighting I took time to visit the crews immediately before the take-off, and talked with the survivors after their return.

During the war Mr. Churchill maintained such close contact with all operations as to make him a virtual member of the British Chiefs of Staff; I cannot remember any major discussion with him in which he did not participate.

An inspirational leader, he seemed to typify Britain's courage and perseverance in adversity and its conservation in success. He was a man of extraordinarily strong conviction and a master in argument and debate. Completely devoted to winning the war and discharging his responsibility as Prime Minister of

Great Britain, he was difficult indeed to combat when conviction compelled disagreement with his views. In most cases problems were solved on a basis of intermittent agreement, but where there was far from true agreement, even in discussion with a single person, but at the same time his intensity of purpose made his delivery seem natural and appropriate. He used humor and pathos with equal facility, and drew on everything from the Greek classics to Donald Duck for quotation, cliché, and forceful slant to support his position.

I admired and liked him. He knew this perfectly, and never hesitated to use that knowledge in his effort to bring me to his own line of thought in any argument. Yet in spite of his strength of purpose, in those instances where we found our convictions in direct opposition, he never once lost his friendly attitude toward me when I persisted in my own course, nor did he fall in the respect with meticulous care the position I occupied as the senior American officer and, later, the Allied commander in Europe.

He was a keen student of the war's developments and of military history, and discussion with him, even on purely professional grounds, was never unprofitable. If he accepted a decision unwillingly, he would return again and again to the attack in an effort to have his own way, up to the very moment of execution. But once action was started he had a faculty for forgetting things in his desire to get ahead, and invariably tried to provide British support in a greater degree than prompted. Some of the questions in which I found myself at various periods of the war, opposed to the Prime Minister, were among the most critical I faced, but so long as I was acting within the limits of my combined instinctive belief in the necessity to intervene except by persuasion or by complete destruction of the Allied concept.

Nevertheless, in countless ways, he could have made my task a harder one had he been anything less than big, and I shall always owe him an immeasurable debt of gratitude for his unfailing courtesy and zealous support, regardless of his dislike of some of our great war decisions. He was a great war leader and he is a great man.

Our planning and organizational work sometimes involved differences in national conceptions that struck at the very foundation of our basic plan. These points were discussed in an atmosphere of cordiality and objectivity, but they were none the less serious. Whenever I found myself opposed to the views of the Prime Minister, he was, of course, supported by his War Cabinet and technical advisers. That differences should occur was inescapable and natural. Varying situations in national geography bring with them differences in military doctrine, and special war experiences bring with them strong differences in projected strategy. An early instance involved the proposed employment of our slowly developing bombing force.

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DEATH

BANDER: Suddenly on November 10, 1946, Samuel Mitchell, beloved husband of Mrs. S. M. Bander. Funeral in Colonial Cemetery this afternoon at 5 p.m.

EUROPEAN UNITY

Within the next few days a Committee set up by the five "Western Union" Governments will begin to consider the steps to be taken towards securing a greater measure of unity between European countries.

The terms of reference are deliberately wide. "Unity" is intended to comprise all projects from schemes for a European federation with a federal parliament and a federal government to plans for closer co-operation between national governments.

It is the British Government which has secured a widening of the terms of reference. For the original proposal would seem in some measure to commit the five Governments in advance in principle both of the idea of a federal constitution and to an immediate beginning of the suggested European assembly.

And these are grave and far-reaching issues which cannot be prejudiced in advance in the mere setting up of a Committee. Since The Hague Congress, there has indeed been a feeling of a concerted and strenuous effort to stampede Governments and public opinion of Western Europe into immediate, ill-considered and far-reaching steps towards federation.

The motives are no doubt beyond reproach. But the methods are dangerous.

For this thesis of federation or, at any rate, of an immediate federation of even West European countries, is not one to be accepted without full consideration of the difficulties. Yet any suggestion of difficulty, any suggestion that perhaps a mechanical federation would be no cure for Europe's problems, and might even aggravate them, is met by accusations of "reactionary nationalism"—rather in the vein of "Pravda" dealing with Marshal Tito—of endangering economic recovery, of forfeiting American sympathy, of jeopardising the peace.

But there are arguments against federation itself which need serious weighing. Historical precedents are not entirely happy. The formation of the United States was comparatively easy. The component states had only recently become independent. They shared a common language, a common law, a large measure of common tradition. Yet that union broke into two warring factions and was only restored forcibly after an exhausting struggle. In Europe the German Confederation of 1815, also with a certain "national" unity as its basis, collapsed in war, and was only re-created and stabilised by Prussian military dominance. Even the Swiss Confederation has been riven by civil war and the revolt of the Sonderbund Cantons.

Federation, then, is no guarantee of internal peace; and a European federation leading to a European civil war would be of little value.

Would such an artificial federation, in fact, be stronger even militarily than a looser partnership? Consider the "Parliament of Europe" and the government responsible to it. The Parliament would be a patchwork of political parties and of national groups, of shifting alliances.

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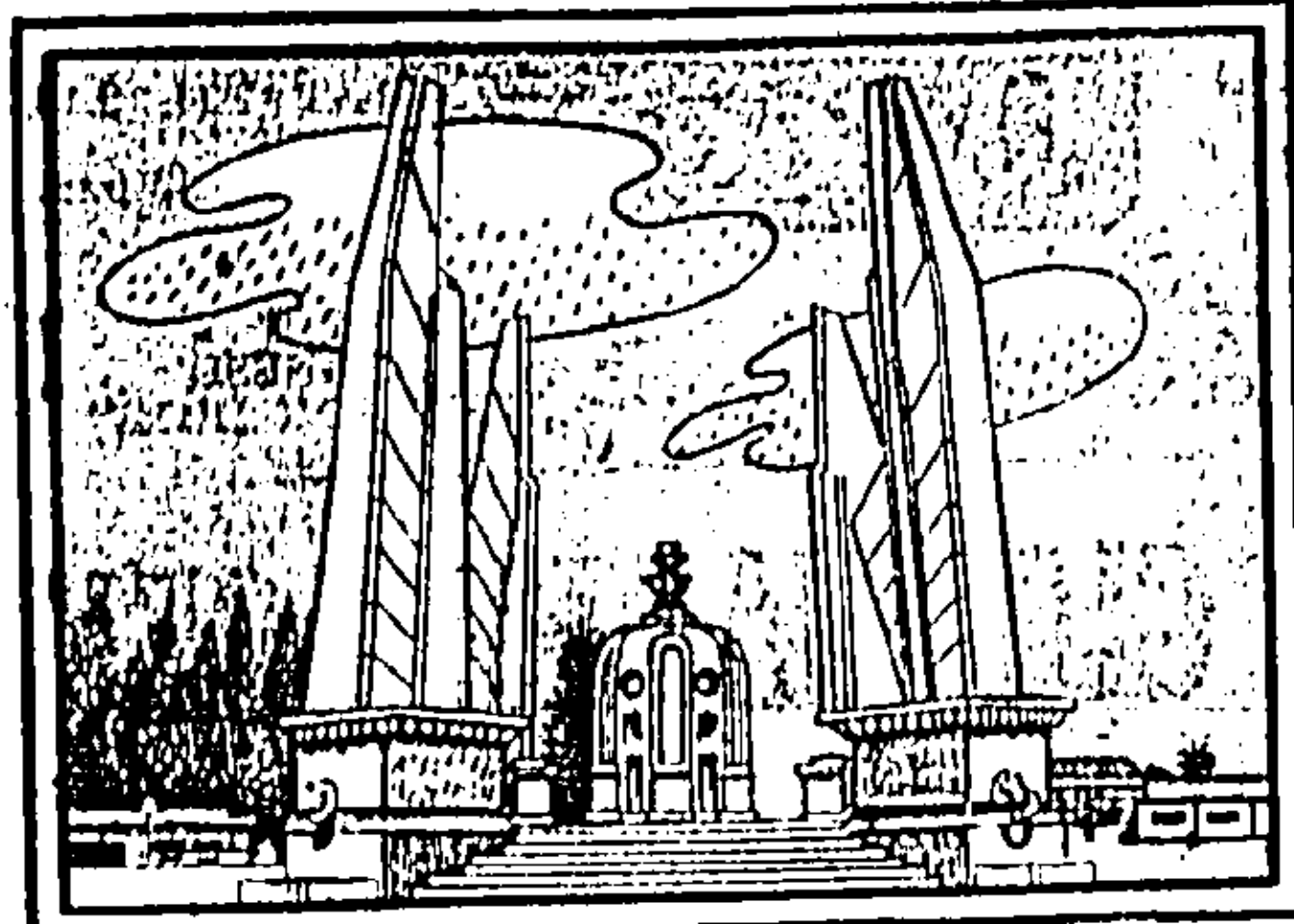
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Shanghai Portuguese To Leave?

Shanghai, November 18. The newly-formed Portuguese Residents Association today announced that it is compiling a list of Portuguese nationals desiring evacuation at the request of the Portuguese Consulate General, and urged members to supply the necessary details either in person or in writing.

Formed only during the recent food crisis, the Association is at present issuing rationed bread and eggs to its members. It is learned that no decision has yet been reached where to send Shanghai's 2,000-odd Portuguese in the event of evacuation being necessary.—Reuter.

Marines Going To Tsingtao

Washington, November 18. The United States is speeding 1,000 more Marine to its naval station at Tsingtao, China, as a result of the Southward surge of Chinese Communists.

The Secretary of Defense, James Forrestal, disclosed this today he said they will help evacuate Americans.

He did not make clear whether they would fight the communists if necessary to maintain the American position there.

From other sources it was learned that the Marines, being detached from Guam with light equipment and will arrive in China in a few days. Arrival of reinforcements will bring the Tsingtao marine force to 4,600.

Forrestal also told a news conference that two transports will arrive in Chinese ports, one on Thursday and one on Friday, to remove Americans fleeing from the path of advancing Communist armies.—Associated Press.

Three MP's Suspended

Sydney, November 17. Three Opposition Members, including a former Army Minister, Mr. Percy Spender, were suspended in the Federal House of Representatives in Canberra today after disorderly scenes when the acting leader of the Opposition proposed a motion of "no confidence whatsoever" in the Deputy Speaker.

The suspensions came after the Deputy Speaker, Mr. J. J. Clark, had ruled that they could not speak, shout, or "holler." "Sit down, you men," and "Chuck him out" were heard.

In the Victorian House Assembly tonight, Mr. S.M. Keon, Labour Member, was expelled after charging the Speaker, Mr. T. K. Malby, with being "the most biased Speaker ever to occupy the Chair."

Mr. Keon gave the Fascist salute as he walked out.—Reuter.

DP's TO FLY TO PALESTINE

Vienna, November 17. The first group of Jewish displaced persons to fly from Austria to Palestine will leave Salzburg on Monday morning.

The DP's will travel in a specially chartered Curtiss C-46. The trip will take 11 hours.

Another plane will leave Salzburg on Tuesday. Present plans call for 300 displaced persons to fly to Palestine.—Associated Press.

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Tanks In Action Against Reds

(By ARTHUR GOUL)

Hsuehchow, November 17.

This North Kiangsu defence bastion of the Chinese Nationalist Government is as quiet today as if it were hundreds of miles from the battle zone. A casual visitor dropped here would have no inkling that nearly 1,000,000 men, Nationalists and Communist troops, are locked in desperate see-saw battles, East and South of this city.

The battles may determine the fate of Nanking, capital of Nationalist China.

There is no smoke of battle closer than 20 miles from Hsuehchow. The city and the people in it show no signs of hysteria. Operations at the city's two airfields, one North of the city and the other South, were continuing as normally as those at Lungchow, international airport in Shanghai.

East along the rail extending from a point 25 miles East of Hsuehchow at Sunken to Sunchen, 50 miles East of Hsuehchow, one of the biggest battles of the China war is being fought.

And within 20 miles South of Hsuehchow, big guns of both sides are roaring in artillery duels. Tanks and armoured cars are probing shells into Communist held villages in a steady rain and the Nationalist Air Forces bombers are swooping in low over Red artillery positions and dropping demolition bombs.

Bridges Down

Flying into Hsuehchow one can see how the fighting already has slashed the Government's life-line railroad from Nanking at vital spots.

Long steel spans over river after river are in ruins. Long strings of loaded railway cars lie overturned, little more than pieces of twisted wreckage. Locomotives lie spilled on their side.

The Government is determined not to lose Hsuehchow. I flew into Hsuehchow with a plane-load of money from the Central Bank of China. It consisted of 14 huge cases of Gold Yuan to bolster the city's economy.

At the controls was Captain Roy Watts, former United States Air Force pilot. The plane was chartered from General Chieh Chien-shan's Civil Air Transport.

Lieutenant David Tang, fighter pilot of the Third Nationalist Fighter Group, described the situation as he saw it from the cockpit of a P-51 Mustang. He has been flying straining missions during the past 48 hours.

Tang said Hsuehchow was not endangered by Communist forces "as of right now" but added, "We have only 300,000 men. It can get serious any time."

Tanks In Action

As we talked, planes were coming in or taking off from the airfield one after another. There were Messerschmitt light bombers, Mustang P-51's which were bought from the United States, old B-24 Liberator bombers such as those which saw service in the Pacific War and in Europe and C-46 transport planes.

What I saw personally were minor but dramatic episodes in this scattered and rather disorganised war. On our flight here I saw no armies locked in battle or on the march. But I saw tanks in action, towns on fire with gray-brown smoke spiralling upward through which the tongues of orange flames flicked. I saw transports dropping supplies to Government troops who were cut off. White parachutes blossomed beneath the planes and then I could see packages and supplies dangling beneath them. I could see

puffs of smoke from guns and then mushroom clouds of smoke and dust from the points the shells hit.

Towns Shelled

At one place an even dozen tanks spread in fanlike formation halfway between two towns about two miles apart. Half of the tanks were shelling one of the towns and the other half lobbing shells into the other.

The first town was on fire. But the gunners found at the second town were not shot. Their shells were flying over it and sending up puffs of muddy water from the surface of a small lake behind the town.

At several points I saw groups of guns firing into wooded areas. It was impossible to tell who was shelling whom or, for that matter, whether any forces at all were in the woods.

The Communists claimed that they controlled 50 miles of the railroad from Hsuehchow to Peiping, next important junction to the South East. In the direction of Nanking. They said their control began at a point 30 miles North of Peiping and continued to a point 20 miles from Hsuehchow. This may be true.

Flying along the rail line I could see no evidence of it except that almost all bridges were destroyed. Long strings of burned boxcars dotted the landscape like ropes of black beads.

Trains Trapped

Tang told me that these cars were bombed and strafed and were set afire by Government planes after the trains had been trapped by the Communists between destroyed bridges. The purpose, he said, was to destroy their sources of supplies as much as possible before they fell into Communist hands.

But in a zigzag flight of many miles covering both sides of the rail line we saw no large bodies of troops and no large scale actions. It was a scene of scattered destruction and isolated actions in which there are large areas of apparently peaceful Chinese countryside.

The Chinese war is fluid. The advantage shifts back and forth quickly. Chiang Kai-shek has put

JAPAN READY FOR MALAYAN TRADE

Tokyo, November 18.

Japan will be able to deliver all the goods Singapore and Malaya offer to buy, now that they have removed their own trade restrictions, SCAP officials said today.

Skull Was 30 Million Years Old

London, November 17. The skull of an African ape brought to London by air from Kenya was believed tonight by Professor W. E. Clark, Professor of Human Anatomy at Oxford University, to be 30,000,000 years old.

(The next known oldest skull is estimated to be 1,000,000 years old.)

Professor Clark told newsmen at the Colonial Office after a fortnight's examination of the skull. "It was an ape from which came the group which at a later stage gave rise to man."

"It indicated that at the time when the Himalayan mountains and the Alps were being formed, a hitherto undiscovered type of anthropoid ape was running through East Africa."

Professor Clark stressed that his conclusions were not final and that he was continuing his examination of the skull.—Reuter.

GREEK CABINET

Athens, November 17. Leaders of the Greek Liberal and Populist parties tonight drafted the membership of a new Coalition Cabinet and expected to submit the list to King Paul tomorrow morning.

It was officially announced tonight that the new Cabinet is expected to be sworn in before mid-day.—Reuter.

Shanghai Russians Fearful

Shanghai, November 18. Shanghai's 7,000 odd White Russians, fearful of their fate should the city fall into the hands of the Chinese Communists, were told last night of plans for their evacuation in the event of Red occupation.

The Associated Press learned that at a farewell party at the Russian Ex-Officers' Club for Father Nicodim, of the Russian Orthodox Church, the Chairman of the Russian Emigrants Association, G. K. Bologoff, had assured 50 White Russian guests that an appeal for help has been sounded to the governments of the world on behalf of Russian emigrants at Shanghai.

Father Nicodim is leaving for Argentina to urge the Argentine Government to speed up approval of immigration visas for White Russians in China so that they may escape possible retribution under the hands of the Red.

At present Argentina is one of the 14 countries of the world where Russian emigrants from Shanghai may go to start a new life away from what some White Russians called "the long arm of Soviet vengeance."

Shanghai's White Russians, for the most part, consist of refugees from the Russian revolution, including many Cossack officers and their families.

For the past few years, the Red danger has been a sword of Damocles poised over their heads, but never so closely as it is now.

Negotiations are being conducted with the Chinese Government to evacuate White Russians from the Peiping and Tientsin areas to Taiwan should the Chinese Communist threat to those cities increase.—Associated Press.

British Airlines Have Bad Year

London, November 17.

Britain's three State-owned airlines lost over £11 million last year, nearly £1 million more than in 1946, the first year of nationalisation, the Corporation's annual reports disclosed today.

The aggregate net loss of British Overseas, British European and British South American Airways for the financial

year ending March 31, 1948, was £11,085,709. In 1946-1947, British Overseas and British European Airways together lost £10,234,761, while the third and smallest corporation, British South American Airways, made a profit of £72,730.

British Overseas Airways' loss was slightly less than the previous year—£7,091,439, compared with £8,076,844, while British European Airways' loss increased from £2,157,937 to £3,573,009.

The BOAC report gave the main causes of last year's deficit. "The multiplicity of types of uneconomical aircraft still in use, and the high cost of maintenance due to the number and location of the maintenance bases."

"Five Constellations have been bought for the Australian service, 22 Canadairs have been ordered, and the Hermes IV should be in operation on the Empire routes in 1949," the report said.

"The re-equipment of the fleet with these aircraft will entirely change the Corporation's financial prospects, and the Corporation should be self-supporting on its commercial routes within three or four years."—Reuter.

We can send them all the things they want—within reason," said a SCAP official. "It's up to them, not up to us."

He said the Singapore-Malaya area would find "no problem of supply or unwillingness to sell" on the part of SCAP or the Japanese.

Production is adequate to fill their orders, he added.

"But he emphasised that Singapore and Malaya still may face an imposing hurdle. He emphasised, however, that it is "their own, not ours."

There still is restriction on the amount of pounds sterling their government will release for purchases in a dollar area, as Japan is under SCAP.

If Singapore and Malaya bought more from Japan than the Japanese bought from Malaya there would be an excess of sterling in SCAP's hand. It then would ask the Bank of England to redeem this excess sterling in dollars. The Singapore Government would guard against any such "dollar risk," officials said.—Associated Press.

GUERILLA CLAIM

Athens, November 17. The "Free Greek" Radio tonight claimed a Greek guerrilla had slain the famous peninsula of Ekkidiki, South-East of Salonika, on which Mount Athos is situated.—Reuter.

Chinese Air Force Moving To Canton

Canton, November 18. More than 200 aircraft and the personnel of the Chinese Air Force which has up to now been stationed at Hanyang, Hunan, are being transferred to Canton.

The transfer has already started.

Meantime there is news that the Kwangtung ground forces have been progressively increased in recent months. These regiments have recently augmented the Provincial Pacification Force, bringing its total strength to 19 regiments of almost 100,000 men. In the summer of this year there were 16 regiments and earlier on, 10.

At the same time it is reported that General Chung Pan, chief of the military training centre at Kukong, has been authorised to form a new army of three divisions which will be armed with modern American weapons.—Reuter.

Effect On Colony Of Civil War: Commons Queries

London, November 17.

The possible effects of the Chinese civil war developments on Hong Kong were discussed in the House of Commons today.

The influx of refugees from the war zones, and the stopping of illegal exports of valuable goods, were among questions brought up.

Mr. Vernon Bartlett, Independent, asked the Colonial Secretary what was being done to prevent uncontrolled large-scale immigration of Chinese into the "already over-crowded colony of Hong Kong due to the worsening of the situation in China."

Mr. David Rees Williams, Under-Secretary of State for the Colonies, replied that this problem had for some time been under consideration in Hong Kong.

"Physical and other difficulties in preventing the influx of refugees are obvious and it would only add to them if the Governor were asked to disclose any measure he may be able to devise for

meeting these difficulties," he added.

Mr. James Harrison, Labour, asked whether in view of the present conditions in China, the Minister would take every possible step to ensure that no illegal exports of valuable goods were permitted through the port of Hong Kong and whether he would also lighten up customs examinations between Kowloon and the Chinese hinterland.

Mr. Rees Williams replied that he was communicating with the Governor of Hong Kong and would let Mr. Harrison know the reply.

Mr. Harrison asked if the Minister fully appreciated, "in the present unfortunate circumstances," the importance of stopping all illegal traffic at this juncture.

Anglo-U.S. Talks

Mr. Rees Williams replied that his Department had always appreciated the necessity of stopping illegal traffic.

"It has always done this and will continue to do so."

Mr. Christopher Mayhew, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, said the British Government is in touch with the United States Government with a view to protecting British and United States nationals in China should that prove necessary.

This meant that plans were being made for protection and not evacuation, he added.

Mr. Mayhew rejected a suggestion by Mr. Bartlett that the United States Government should be consulted with a view to taking an immediate decision to send an Anglo-American force to Shanghai should the situation in China continue to deteriorate.

"There had been no inter-governmental conversations of that kind," he said, nor were any contemplated.—Reuter.

BY-ELECTION IN GLASGOW

Glasgow, November 17. Nominations of Thomas Galwey Dunlop Galbraith, Conservative, and Thomas Alexander MacNair, Labour, were accepted today for the by-election in the Hillhead division of Glasgow, caused by the appointment of the Conservative member, Mr. J. C. Reid, K.C., as Lord of Appeal.

Polling will take place on November 25.—Reuter.

Pay Of Services Raised In House

London, November 17.

A statement on pay and allowances to men and women in the armed forces may be made by the Defence Minister, Mr. Alexander, next Wednesday.

When asked in Commons today to make a statement, Mr. Alexander said that if the question is put down next week he hoped to make a statement then.

Mr. P. A. Cobb, Labour, then asked the Minister "that while considering the question, he should not overlook the women's services where junior officers are being advised that in order to live they should have a private income of £100 a year."

"Mr. Alexander said the women would be included in his statement."

The Secretary for Air, Mr. Arthur Henderson, answering another question concerning WAAF pay and conditions, said that under existing conditions officers and airwomen may accept casual civil spare time employment if they obtain permission which would not normally be withheld unless Service interest required it.

Answering Air Commodore A.V. Harvey, Member for Macmillan, who asked for a statement on the proposed increases of pay and allowances for a WAAF, Mr. Henderson said the Minister of Defence will make a statement soon.

Air Commodore Harvey further asked Mr. Henderson to impress upon his colleagues that many WAAF personnel were getting less than two-thirds of what the men were getting for doing the same type of work and that it was quite impossible to live on what they were being paid.—Reuter.

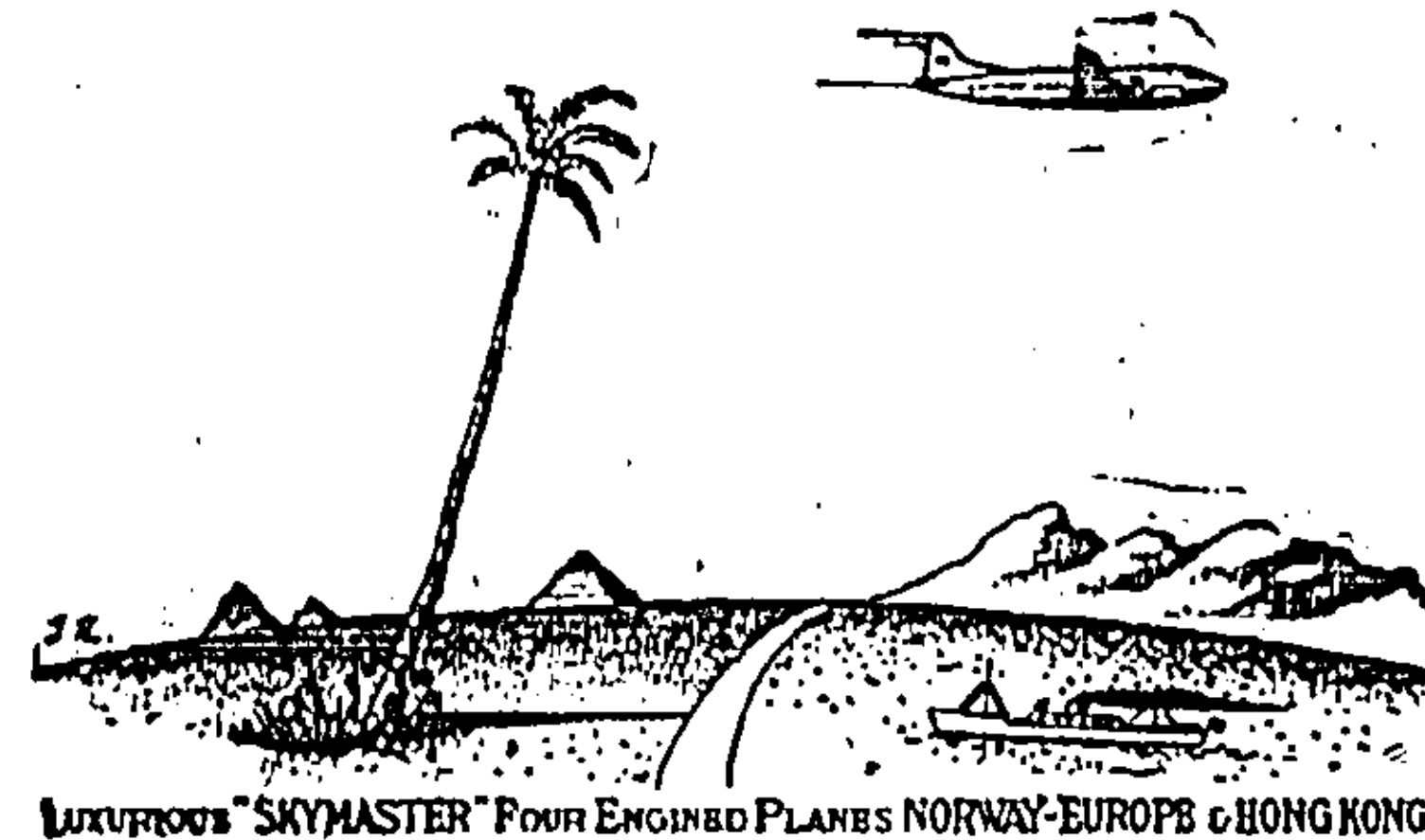
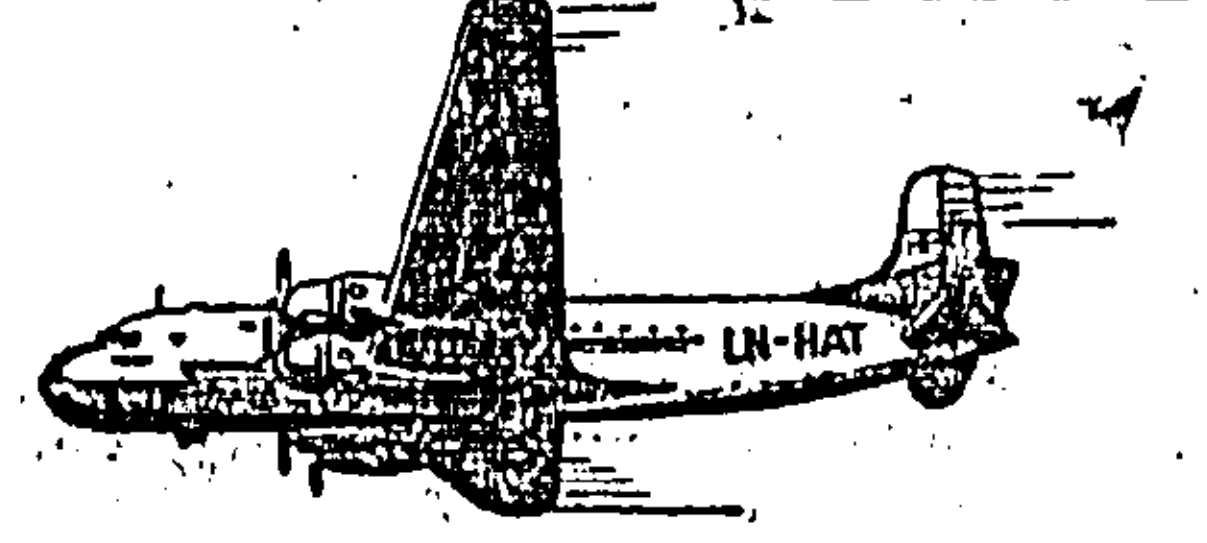
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Indian Republic To Remain In The Commonwealth

New Delhi, November 17.

India will remain within the Commonwealth after it becomes an independent republic, reliable sources said today. The Prime Minister, Jawaharlal Nehru, is reported to have obtained an endorsement of this idea from the Congress Working Committee which is now meeting here.

Theory On Murder Of American

Vienna, November 17.

The Socialist newspaper, Arbeiter Zeitung, today speculated about the "obscure" murder of Irving Ross, American, murdered here last month, hinting that Ross was a double-dealing spy.

The paper commented that the murdered American "seems to have been involved in obscure affairs" and "took up" connections with both (American and Russian) sides.

Ross had been assigned to check Marshall plan supplies sent to Austrian factories in the Russian zone, making sure none was diverted into Russian hands. He was beaten to death by four Russian soldiers.

United States investigators said evidence so far uncovered indicated the motive for the crime may have been robbery rather than politics. The investigators have not yet been allowed by the Russians to interview Dennis Superina, Russian woman who was with Ross at the time of the murder and who was injured by the assassins. —United Press.

NEW FINANCE MINISTER BUSY

Shanghai, November 18.

The newly appointed Minister of Finance, Mr. Hsu Kan, who assumed office last Monday, arrived here from Nanking yesterday afternoon and immediately plunged into conferences with bankers and import-export business leaders to discuss the promotion of foreign trade.

He is reported to have approved a revival of the "link system" aiming at facilitating the purchase of industrial materials and factory equipment from abroad with foreign exchange obtained with Chinese exports.

Business men here are hoping that the new Finance Minister will remove all obstacles to foreign trade, including what they describe as "unfair allocation of foreign exchange and discrimination in foreign exchange settlements for exporters." —Reuter.

AMERICAN REDS TO BE TRIED

New York, November 17.

The United States Federal Judge, Harold R. Medina today set January 17 for the trial of 12 high American Communist leaders.

They were indicted on charges that they conspired to organize the Communist Party as a group which advocates and teaches the overthrow of the United States Government by force. —Reuter.

Refugees Flowing Into South China

Canton, November 18.

The past few days have brought a marked increase of refugees, most of them wealthy ones, from North China. Among the people who arrived are families who have homes here but who left for Shanghai or Nanking during the summer and early autumn.

The influx of refugees, who are coming by plane, train and boat, has worsened the already acute problem of accommodation here. Many of them have gone to Macao where, it is said, vacant premises and other property are being bought up.

It is widely believed here that if the military situation in the North deteriorates further, some foreign firms in Shanghai with branches in Canton may be transferring their head offices here. —Reuter.

New Legal Ruling On Evidence?

The Hague, November 17.

Albania today asked the International Court of Justice hearing the Corfu Channel mining case to give a general international ruling prohibiting emigrants from giving legal evidence against the country they had abandoned.

Professor Pierre Cot, the representative for Albania, called for the ruling after saying the evidence given for Britain by M. Karel Kovacic, a former Yugoslav naval commander who fled his country, had no legal value against Albania.

Professor Cot asked the Court to accept as true facts a Yugoslav communiqué denying M. Kovacic's testimony that Yugoslav ships carried the mines which blew up two British destroyers in October, 1946.

M. Kovacic was absent from the Court room today for the first time since the case began. —Reuter.

Communist Calls Minister "Liar"

Paris, November 17.

The French National Assembly was suspended today after the Socialist Minister of the Interior, M. Jules Moch, had been called "Liar" by the Communist Deputy and miners' trade union leader, M. Auguste Lecoq.

The President of the National Assembly, M. Edouard Herriot, suspended the sitting shortly after the Assembly had resumed its debate on the Communist-led French strikes and the declaration by M. Moch that they were inspired by the Cominform.

M. Lecoq in a heated condemnation of governmental intervention in the strikes, accused the police of "barbarism." He alleged "miners were bludgeoned by the police." When the Minister for the Interior rose to protest, M. Lecoq turned to him and exclaimed: "You are a liar."

This was greeted by cheers from the Communist benches and counter protests from elsewhere. —Reuter.

Bramuglia Again Trying To Mediate Berlin Issue

Paris, November 17.

Hopes of solving the five-month-old Berlin deadlock were centred again today on Dr. Juan Bramuglia, President of the Security Council. Dr. Herbert Evatt, General Assembly President, and Mr. Trygve Lie, Secretary-General, this afternoon called on the Big Four powers "to lend their full and active support" to the Argentine Foreign Minister's mediation efforts.

This was after they had received replies to their week-end appeal for resumed negotiations.

They "noted with satisfaction" that all four powers indicate, in one form or another, their desire to reach a settlement of the Berlin question in the spirit of the General Assembly resolution of November 3, 1948.

The three Western Powers' replies to the earlier Evatt-Lie appeal were delivered today. All clear that the Soviet blockade of Berlin remained the obstacle to resumption of negotiations.

After Dr. Evatt and Mr. Lie had stated their appeal, a UN source said a formal answer was not expected to it. "What is wanted is an answer in deeds, not in words," he said. The new Evatt-Lie plea carries a significant shift in emphasis.

Efforts Continue

In their first letter to the Big Four Heads of State, Dr. Evatt and Mr. Lie cited an Assembly resolution calling upon East and West to end their quarrel. It also noted the effort to solve the Berlin case in the Security Council.

ACCUSED SAYS COURT NOT QUALIFIED

New Delhi, November 18.

V. R. Karkare, accused of conspiracy in the assassination of Mahatma Gandhi, challenged yesterday the jurisdiction of the court trying him for murder.

He read a 37 page statement in the Marathi language saying the police charge sheet was "vague and not according to law," and that the court had not been "properly constituted nor legally invested with power and authority to try this case."

Karkare was the third man accused at the trial. N. V. Godse, who admits the actual shooting, accepts responsibility for the murder, but denied any one had conspired with him. N. A. Apte last Wednesday pleaded an alibi and innocence.

Karkare, plump, good humoured Hindu Brahmin, is 38 years old. He had been a prosperous hotel keeper in Ahmednagar.

The prosecution said he took a prominent part in the alleged conspiracy and further alleged he was present at the Gandhi prayer grounds when a bomb exploded there last January 20 and when Godse fired the fatal shots 10 days later.

Karkare said he was in Bombay when Gandhi was killed in New Delhi. He added he was engaged at the time in relief work among refugees in a Bombay camp. He said he never had been involved in violence but had been interested in staging peaceful demonstrations. —Associated Press.

ANGLO-DANISH FILM PACT

Newcastle, November 18.

Britain and Denmark have signed an agreement providing for the exchange of documentary films between the two countries. Mr. John Grierson, film controller in the Central Office of Information, stated here today.

Under the agreement, all documentaries, including technical films made in either country who are available to the other. —Reuter.

Mediation Effort On The Coast

Washington, November 17.

The United States Government today sent one of its top mediators to New York to try to end the crippling East Coast dock strike.

Mr. William Margolis, of the Federal Mediation Service, left by air for conferences with Union and Management leaders. Mr. Margolis' immediate objective is understood to be to get the two sides together. There have been no negotiations since the walk out started over a week ago.

Government officials are known to feel that the strike was engineered by left wing influences in the Union. Some feel that the strike developed chiefly from a challenge to the Union leadership of Mr. Joseph Ryan, who is regarded as anti-Communist.

They discount the theory expressed by some observers that left wingers wanted to cripple the European Recovery Aid Programme.

Mr. Ryan first accepted a ten-cent hourly wage increase offer from the stevedoring firms and recommended the Union groups to ratify contracts with such wage increases.

A number of union groups, however, mostly in New York, rejected the contract and demanded larger wage increases. —Associated Press.

Marshall Plan's Goal In Europe

Cincinnati, November 18.

The Economic Co-operation Administrator, Paul G. Hoffman, today described the goal of the Marshall plan as "a third increase in the income of the average worker of Europe."

Mr. Hoffman said the four year recovery effort could achieve "solvent and a reasonably sound economy for Europe."

Such success is the world's best guarantee of peace, he declared, adding:

"No aggressor will dare march against the free nations if they regain their strength and remain united." —Associated Press.

Orthodoxy "Leads U.S. Nowhere"

London, November 17.

A back-bench Labour MP told the House of Commons today that orthodox diplomatic procedure was "getting the people of the world nowhere."

He suggested that Britain accept the Evatt-Lie proposal for a meeting of the four powers on the Berlin crisis.

Mr. Emrys S. Hughes, after being told by the Foreign Under-Secretary, Mr. Christopher Mayhew, that Britain had refused the proposal, said:

"Our refusal to agree to the request of these two eminent United Nations people, will be taken as hostile by the United Nations throughout the world and will be regarded as a thoroughly unreasonable attitude."

Mr. Mayhew said that he entirely disagreed with Mr. Hughes' assumptions.

W.N. Warboy, another Labour back-bencher, asked Mr. Mayhew to pay tribute to these two great world statesmen who are properly carrying out their

duties in accordance with the preamble of the United Nations Charter.

Mr. Mayhew replied: "We appreciate the spirit in which this initiative was made."

Mr. Hughes then declared: "It is time that orthodox diplomatic procedure is cut through because it is getting the people of the world nowhere." —United Press.

Shell Oil's Answer To Rumania

London, November 17.

The Shell Petroleum Company declared here today that the £7,000,000 fine imposed by Rumanian courts on their subsidiary, the Astra Romana Oil Company, is "the result of an action pursued by the Rumanian Government against the Astra Romana with the sole purpose of having this company confiscated."

A statement by the company said: "In June last, the nationalisation of all the British and American oil companies in Rumania was decreed and now, five months later, the Rumanian Government revives its action against Astra and judges and condemns it after denying it the right to plead in its own defence."

"It is plain that this so-called judgment is merely a manoeuvre of the present Communist regime in Rumania aimed at reducing their responsibility for proper compensation."

It was announced in Bucharest last Saturday that a fine amounting to £2,180,000 had been imposed on the company's "former leadership" for "stealing oil from the State-owned subsoil." —Reuter.

DOORS OPENED TO "RIFF-RAFF"?

London, November 17.

A Communist M.P. expressed fear today that Britain has opened her doors to "any kind of riff-raff" by abolishing entrance visas for American visitors.

At the same time, he complained, the United States had barred Britons from going to the U.S.

The Communist, Mr. Phil Piratin, asked the House why the United States had not abolished its visa for Britons, too.

Mr. Christopher Mayhew, Foreign Affairs Under-Secretary explained that it could not be because of immigration laws. Mr. Piratin, bridled and asked Mr. Mayhew: "Are you not aware

that a certain very honest and respectable British citizen, the member of the House of Commons for Mile End, was refused a visa to enter the United States, while we in return are going to allow any kind of riff-raff into this country?"

Mr. Piratin, the member for Mile End, did not say anything when a Conservative, E. H. Keeling, wondered aloud whether Mr. Piratin's hopes for a visit were kept from doing away with visas. —United Press.

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Franco Allegation Denied

London, November 17. A foreign Office spokesman today dismissed General Franco's reported claim in an interview that British intervention alone prevented a Spanish understanding with the United States "a long time ago."

In the interview, given in Madrid to the diplomatic correspondence of the American magazine, Newsweek, and to be published in New York tomorrow, General Franco said that "the British always interfere in Spanish-American relations."

The foreign Office spokesman commented: "The British policy towards General Franco's regime is well known, has never been hidden and has been repeatedly stated in public by the Foreign Secretary and other responsible members of the Government."

He said that to the best of his knowledge there had never been any question of British intervention with the American State Department to prevent a Spanish-American agreement because it had never been necessary.

Observers in London believe that the foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, the American Secretary of State, Mr. George Marshall, and the French Foreign Minister, Mr. Robert Schuman, recently agreed in Paris that it would be undesirable to make any move towards changing the existing relations between their nations and Franco Spain.—Reuter.

Trial Was Violation Of Treaty

London, November 17. The treason trial of the former Bulgarian Parliamentary Opposition leader, M. Kosta Lulchev, and eight other former deputies violated the peace treaty with Bulgaria, a foreign Office spokesman said today.

The trial, which ended in Sofia on Monday, had been "wholly contrary to the spirit of the peace treaty with Bulgaria and in a number of instances also contrary to the letter of the treaty."

The spokesman asserted that the British Government was considering whether it would take any action under the treaty about the trial.

Lulchev and his colleagues were convicted of acts of treason, sabotage and anti-Soviet activity by a Bulgarian regional court. The sentences ranged from 10 to 15 years' imprisonment with fines, M. Lulchev's being 15 years' imprisonment and a fine of 200,000 leva.

All the defendants were members of the Socialist Opposition to the Bulgarian Fatherland Front (Communist) Government.—Reuter.

HORTHY TO GO TO AMERICA?

Munich, November 17. The former Hungarian Regent, M. Miklos Horthy, now living in Upper Bavaria, is expected to emigrate to South America with his wife, daughter in law and grandson, the German news agency, DPD, reported tonight.—Reuter.

Call For General Strike In France

Paris, November 17. Communist labour leaders today ordered a nationwide general port and dock strike to begin on Monday.

The strike was called by the Communist-controlled Federation of Ports and Docks after its leaders pleaded in vain with Christian Pineau, Minister of Works and Transport, to raise longshoremen's wages.

Pineau told union leaders that wage increase is a matter of higher policy to be decided by the Government only after careful consideration.

Dock workers at Dunkerque have already struck in support of the wage demands. There also have been partial walk-outs at Bordeaux, La Rochelle, Marseille, and a number of other ports.

The general dock strike came only 24 hours after the Interior Minister, Jules Moch, told

London, November 17. The Judicial Tribunal appointed by Parliament to investigate accusations of corruption of Ministers and Government officials heard today the testimony of Mr. Jacobs Harris, the proprietor of a number of amusement arcades in London.

Mr. Harris, a stout grey-haired man, had desired to obtain licences to import automatic amusement machines from the United States.

His negotiations brought him into contact with the agent, Solomon Wulkan, alias Sidney Stanley.

Replying to questions, Mr. Harris agreed that Stanley mentioned the name of Mr. John Belcher, Parliamentary Secretary to the Board of Trade. Mr. Harris added: "Mr. Stanley mentioned everybody's name from Mr. Attlee downwards."

Mr. Harris discussed the deal with Mr. Francis Cecil Price, a London business man. Price told him that Stanley was "the biggest villain unbugged."

Harris said it was understood that Stanley was to get £10,000 for surrendering his own unused import quota so that the equipment could be brought from the United States.

He denied that there had been any suggestion of bribery in the payment of this sum. Price had asked him if he thought anyone at the Board of Trade was going to get a share of the money. He had replied that he did not think so.

"This Sort Of Thing"

Asked for more details about his conversation with Price, Harris quoted Price as saying: "This is the sort of thing you get when a country is being run by 20 shillings a week railway clerks."

Any doubts he might have had about Stanley were dispelled by Mr. Alfred Bleber, the solicitor who introduced them and who drew up documents in connection with the fun fair equipment.

Sir Hartley Shawcross, acting for the Crown, put it to Harris that the statement he had made to the police had been dictated by Bleber. Witness denied this.

Sir Hartley questioned Harris about two brothers named Davis who were approached to put up £10,000 to be paid in connection with the fun fair equipment proposition.

"Too Ridiculous"

Witness said he had told the brothers that he would put up £200 of a sum of £2,000 which Stanley was to receive at the very start of the negotiations.

Sir Hartley: "I put it to you that this was in fact a confidence trick to induce the Davis brothers to put up £2,000 and that from beginning to end you did not intend to put a penny into it?"

Harris: "That is too ridiculous to suggest. I am not a confidence trickster."

Henry Self, an amusement caterer, said he had been asked to come into a proposition to import fun fair equipment. He gathered that £10,000 was to be paid to Stanley as commission for obtaining facilities.

Personal Friends

Witness said he decided to go further into the matter because he was curious to know how such a huge amount of machinery could be brought into the country so easily when it had taken him a long time to get a small amount.

He visited Stanley's flat and got the impression that Stanley was trying to impress him. "He mentioned names of people he knew—among them Mr. Attlee, Sir Stafford Cripps, Mr. Belcher and Mr. Gibson, and names of a lot of important industrial people."

Sir Hartley asked witness if Harris had said that Mr. Belcher and Mr. Glenvil Hall were to get something out of the deal—"were making fortunes out of it?"

Witness: "I don't know."

Broach Of Control

"I am also sure he mentioned Mr. Harold Wilson (President of the Board of Trade) and Mr. Key (Minister of Works), Sherman added."

Stanley knew all about a case in which Sherman's was being prosecuted for a breach of the paper control and implied that he got his information through his friendship with Mr. Belcher.

Sherman added: "I thought it was most extraordinary and I did not know where else he could have got the information except from Mr. Belcher." Stanley told him that his competitors in the football pool business were continually seeing Mr. Belcher and agitating against him.

"He said they would give Mr. Belcher £50,000 or £100,000 to put me out of business," Sherman added. Stanley had suggested to him that he would see Mr. Belcher and try to arrange that Sherman's would get their rightful allocation of paper.

The trial was adjourned until tomorrow.—Reuter.

Accused Man Defiant

London, November 17. According to Warsaw Radio six Polish right-wing Socialists accused of espionage and plotting to overthrow the State, made their final statements today to the Warsaw Court which has been trying them since November 1.

Kazimierz Puzak described as the head of the WAN (Freedom, Equality and Independence) movement which was banned after the 1947 elections and for whom a sentence of 13 years' imprisonment was demanded, declared he could not be expected to "change his convictions now at the threshold of the grave."

The other accused admitted their guilt and asked the Court to exercise leniency, the Radio said.—Reuter.

Queen Lizzy To Sail

London, November 17. The Cunard White Star liner Queen Elizabeth, which was delayed for New York has been delayed by the United States dock strike, will sail on Saturday for New York by way of Halifax, Nova Scotia.

The vessel was due to leave Southampton yesterday. Present plans are that the liner will make for Halifax, but should the strike end during the voyage, she will go direct to New York.

The Company announced in Liverpool today that it would not accept cargo for American ports because of the strike.—Reuter.

ERP Supplies Held Up

Washington, November 17. Marshall Aid officials estimated today that approximately 140,000 tons of recovery supplies destined for Europe had piled up at East Coast ports because of the dockers' strike.

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Washington, November 17. The United States Secretary of Defense, Mr. James Forrestal, denied reports of his intended resignation by telling newsmen here today that he would stay on "at the service of the President."—Reuter.

1939 Pact May Be Terminated

London, November 17. The Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, Mr. Christopher Mayhew, told the House of Commons today that Britain is considering terminating the Anglo-Polish agreement of August 25, 1939.

A Foreign Office spokesman said tonight that the 1939 treaty was designed to meet a very specific circumstance which now no longer existed. While the treaty itself provided for mutual aid in the case of either Britain or Poland being attacked by "a European power," the protocol to the treaty specifically said that the term "European power" was to mean Germany.

Since 1939, Poland's frontiers with Germany have changed completely although the new border-line has not yet been formally agreed to by Britain.

This, it is understood, is the chief circumstance which makes the 1939 treaty inapplicable. Further, Article 2 of the treaty was based on the hypothesis of a possible attack by "another European State" on Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia—countries which since 1939 have become part of the Soviet Union.—Reuter.

Protests On Ruhr To Be Ignored

Washington, November 17. It was made clear in official circles today that the United States will not reverse the Anglo-American decision to turn the basic Ruhr industries over to German trustees despite repeated French protests.

The last protest was delivered yesterday by the French Ambassador, Henri Bonnet, to the Acting Secretary of State, Robert Lovett.

Officials here show complete sympathy with the French desire for security against a possible resurgence of a belligerent Germany, using the Ruhr industries for renewed aggression.

Mystery Diamonds In Garden

London, November 18. Detectives today dug out of a suburban garden a mysterious cache of diamonds valued by Scotland Yard at £10,000.

A Scotland Yard spokesman declined to confirm or deny London newspaper reports that the gems were believed to be a consignment from South Africa which disappeared while on the way to London by air three years ago.

The diamonds were packed in tins which had been wrapped in cloth, the spokesman said.

The cloth had rotted away and the men who found the cache think it may have been there from one to three years.

The stones were cut and polished but not mounted.

They were found in the garden of a house in suburban Seven Kings.

Another report was that the stones vanished from the mails between England and the Continent on an unspecified date.—Associated Press.

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RUSSIA ATTACKS U.S. PLANS IN THE UN

Paris, November 17. The Soviet Union's United Nations delegate, Mr. Jacob Malik, alleged tonight that the United States intended to by-pass the Security Council veto.

They would do this, he said, by introducing the problems of Palestine, Greece, the Italian colonies and Korea into the "Little Assembly."

Addressing the minor Political Committee, concerned with the setting up of a permanent Interim Committee—"Little Assembly"—to work between United Nations sessions, Mr. Malik said that this was an illegal and unconstitutional attempt to set up an organ in competition to the Security Council, and would lead to the splitting up of the United Nations.

As it was operated in the past, and as conceived for the future, the Interim Committee would be an offshoot of the General Assembly, and therefore not subject to the veto.

At the beginning of the debate this morning, Mr. John Foster Dulles, the United States delegate, said that special care had been taken to see that it did not touch on the territory of the Security Council, by the rule that it could not discuss anything on the Council's agenda.

Dismantling this argument, Mr. Malik said that the intention of the Western Powers was to set up a body not only equal, but actually more powerful than the Security Council.

He recalled the action of the Interim Committee, boycotted by the Soviet Union, earlier this year

in recommending the holding of elections in Southern Korea, and said: "This was an illegal measure, an important political decision, not even within the purview of the General Assembly."

"The draft also proposes to grant to the Interim Committee powers to discuss questions referred by the Security Council to the General Assembly."

"Quite Clear"

"Thus, it is placed above the Security Council."

"This is in direct controversy with the Charter, which lays down that the Security Council shall have primary responsibility for the maintenance of international peace and security."

Mr. Malik also said that the Committee's decisions on Korea had been very favourable to the Americans and their monopolies.

"It is quite clear that the United States intends to transfer to the Interim Committee not only Korea, but also the Italian colonies, Greece and Palestine.—Reuter."

Cabarets In Danger

Canton, November 18. The fate of nine dancing halls here is again hanging in the balance.

Early this year they escaped being closed down by pleading certain dire hardship for the large number of hostesses and other employees. Now they are facing extinction again since the Central Authorities are reported to have asked the local Municipal Government why the dance halls are still in existence.

It is further reported that local authorities have suggested that the cabarets be closed down at the rate of one a month which, if the suggestion is carried out, would see the end of dance halls here by August next year.

Whether the plan will be put into effect will depend upon the Central Authorities' reception of it.—Reuter.

Sudan Election Results

Khartoum, November 17. The Independence Front, which aims at ultimate self-government and independence, has gained a majority on the projected Sudan Legislative Assembly, partial results of the first general election in the country showed today.

Of 46 returns so far, the Independence Front has won 33 seats and has the support of a number of independent members.

There are 65 seats on the Assembly.

The other main Party favours Union with Egypt.—Associated Press.

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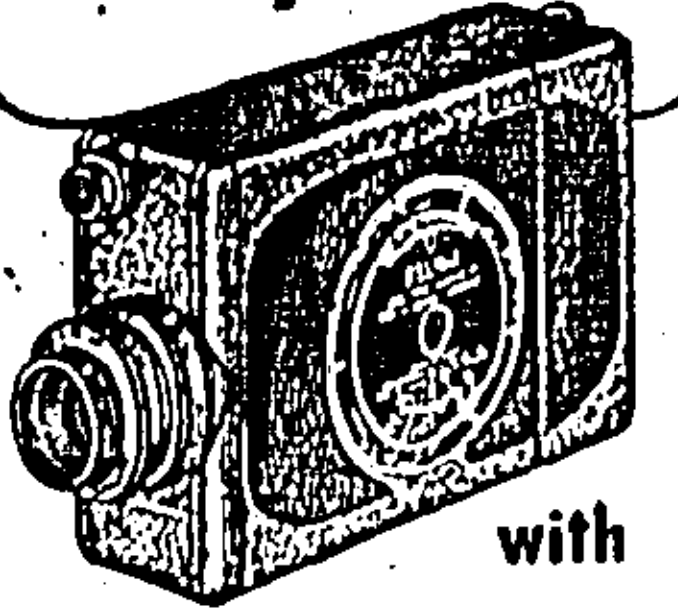
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SHADOWS BEFORE

"DIARY OF A CHAMBERMAID"
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STARS: Paulette Goddard, Burgess Meredith.
A once-popular term overworked by the more avuncular type of novelist in describing a female of uncertain virtue but undeniable charms was "a saucy baggage". It conveys just about the right degree of bowdlerized naughtiness which Miss Goddard displays as the ego of the "The Diary Of A Chambermaid".

Frilly and pointless as it may be, "The Diary" exhibits a great deal of merit in the acting and direction departments. This many an epic has lacked. This, of course, is only as it should be with the original story by Octave de Benedicte Bogaenus and Burgess Meredith and direction by Jean Renoir.

La Goddard is no Bernhardt but with the capable direction which she receives in this film she is amiable as the prelatine-minded maid with the complex love-life.

Bouquets could be handed out fairly liberally to the other members of the cast without descending to the ridiculous, but the blind-wrought solid-silver bowl for brilliance must go to Burgess Meredith. He plays the part of Captain Mauger, a senile veteran of the French army with an acute attack of chambermaid fever. His mad caperings could so easily have become third-rate slapstick—but they do not.

Probably as the result of Jean Renoir's direction, "The Diary" maintains the most authentic French atmosphere (of the type conveyed by the story) in almost any Hollywood film in that category. (United Artists)

"A GUY NAMED JOE"
STARS: (Queen's) Spencer Tracy, Irene Dunne, Van Johnson, Esther Williams.
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"Commanding Officer" is none other than Lionel Barrymore, all tuffed up in a very superior uniform.

However, this is all quite incidental to the main scenery in the picture. It is there solely to permit Spencer Tracy being sent down from the celestial haven (after he recoiled by way of a hero's death) to guide unseen the stumbling footsteps of a youth in the air force.

The youth is Van Johnson and anyone who cares to be branded a heretic might dare to suggest that he nearly steals the picture from Tracy. This is partly due to the fact that he is given a part with a good deal of humour in it and a chance to do some very natural acting, while Tracy, though his usual polished self and well worth paying to watch, is given a lot of moralising and philosophising to perform, which gets a little tedious once or twice. Lionel Barrymore is unfortunate in this respect, too. In the second of his two brief appearances he has to put across a bond-slave speech, heavily laden with "what we are fighting for" talk, which even his genius cannot change into anything worthwhile.

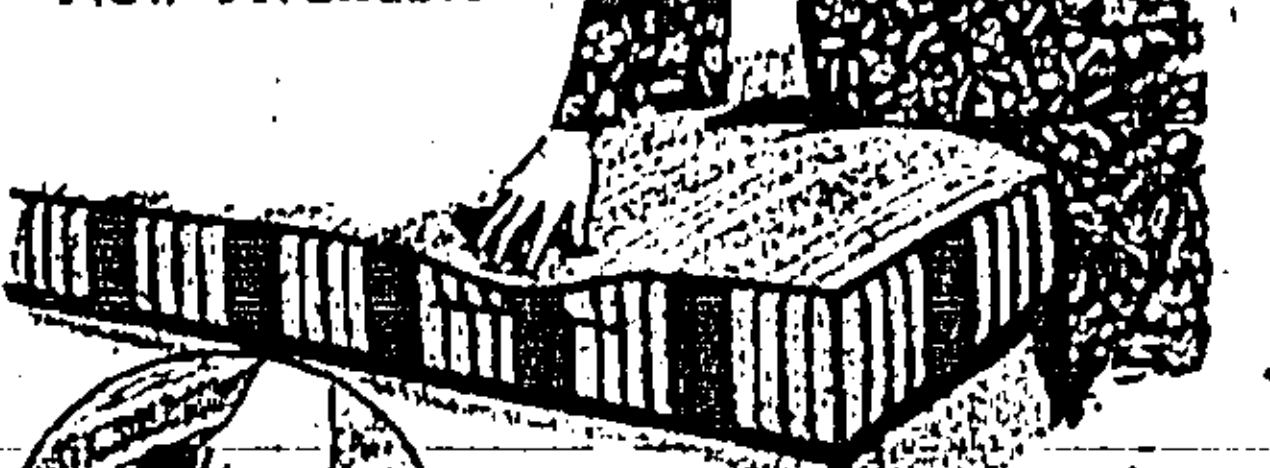
Irene Dunne is more than pleasing as a Ferry Command pilot who keeps on popping up at opportune moments, presented with a real half-shirt in a part where the place in the story where Tracy gets killed, which is fairly early on. Miss Dunne is his ever-loving fiancée and is required to go through most of the remainder of the film in a cloud of soul-destroying grief. That she does not "go down" completely is much to her credit.

The climax of the story is undoubtedly the weakest point. The hero falls in love and fearless aviator performs an act of daring and valour, and is fortunate to be quite the most part consistently good, falls flat on its face at the end.

Incidentally, Esther Williams, who got her name in lights along with the rest of the show's stars, appears once, in a brief scene which runs the ending a close second in being the one most worthy of omission.

For the air-minded there are some fair flying sequences. Oddly enough, the scenes of aerial combat are not particularly convincing. (MGM)

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A Practical Demonstration

When 29-year-old British actor Richard Todd returned to his house in Grosvenor Street, Chelsea, London, after a string day at Welwyn film studios, he discovered that his home had been burgled. And that was more of a surprise to him than it would be to most people because Richard Todd plays a leading part in the Associated British picture "FOR THEM THAT TREB. PASS"—a burglar!

While he was filming a scene where he leaves London to do a 'job' in Glasgow, the real burglars were quietly getting away with some of his property.

Little was stolen apart from some cash and personal items as the thieves were evidently disturbed before they had made a thorough search of the place. Police are now investigating the robbery while at the studios Richard Todd stands daily in the reconstructed dock at the 'Old Bailey'.

"TYCOON" (King's).

STARS: John Wayne, Laraine Day.
Any amount of rugged action in rugged scenery by rugged men makes "Tycoon" a fairly sure winner in the box-office stakes.

Add to those ingredients a powerful, unscrupulous millionaire who cares not a jot for the safety of the men who work for him, and who has a beautiful daughter with whom the true-blue, never-say-die hero falls in love and wins against the father's wishes, and you have quite a supply of the thrill-and-romance mixture pre-eribed by all the best doctors (Hollywood style) for almost any ailment.

As the story goes, Frederick Alexander (Sir Cedric Hardwicke) an American industrial tycoon, contracts with Johnny Munroe (John Wayne) and his

partner, Mathews (James Gleason), to build a railroad from his mines in the Andes to the coast. Johnny wants to bridge a river but Alexander insists on a shorter line involving a tunnel.

The tunnelled rock proves treacherous (yes, that's right, it collapses and buries some of the workers). About the same time that the tunnel starts playing up, a few cement pillars begin to manifest themselves between Johnny and the tycoon's beautiful daughter Maura (Laraine Day).

This irritates old moneybags to some tune which is nothing compared with the super-sensory spexy which grips him when he discovers that the two lovebirds have got themselves lost in the jungle and have had to spend the night at an Inca ruin. He insists on immediate marriage, which seems a little drastic, and the happy couple take up residence at the tunnel workings (in view of the housing shortage it is a wonder they did not set up house right in the tunnel).

From this point the fireworks start popping in earnest. What with the tunnel collapsing, then being blown up by the peeved hero; the equally peeved wife parcelling up the remnants of her illusions and taking them home to daddy; the bridge which the engineer starts to build in place of the tunnel coming to grief in a flood in a wonderful destruction scene; and the final incredible but which everything pans out sweetly into unexpected anticlimax in and smoothly for all concerned; there is never a dull moment.

"THE TWO MRS. CARROLLS" (Lee).

STARS: Humphrey Bogart, Barbara Stanwyck, Alexis Smith.
This most recent version of the stage play of the same name by Martin Vale is no mean effort, without being in the least likely to set the town ablazing.

Our "Bogey" it turns out, is capable of being quite a honey in his own right when given the chance. He has more to him than his usual part of a list-slinging, fast-shooting hero with a frank approach to the ladies allows him demonstrate.



John Wayne and Laraine Day in "Tycoon."

The story, of course, concerns a Geoffrey Carroll who has a certain method of executing that little transition—customarily referred to as "off with the old love, on with the new" or something like that. Being the marrying type Mr. Carroll finds it impossible merely to try a cheery fare-three-well to his last fancy preparatory to moving into a clink with the new.

Some men might have either found a solution to their problems slightly less perilous, or have curbed their inclinations. But to be perfectly frank, our Mr. Carroll is just a shade tizzzy in the temples at times. In brief, he is a very nice fellow, but he is not a saint.

Barbara Stanwyck is the second Mrs. Carroll and is most convincing as the completely happy and unsuspecting wife of a man who to her, is a good husband as well as a famous painter (portrait, not house).

The curvy Alexis Smith bobs up and immediately starts to gum up the works. As an actress Miss Smith might well be called beautifully wooden. But as a one-track-minded siren, seductive to a degree (about the hundredth of the centigrade scale) she is eminently satisfactory.

"Things begin to sizzle (even when Miss Smith is not present) and the climax comes: one second like the towel on the exit side of a ring. For this and the many other titbits of suspense and surprise throughout the film

one can presumably thank producer Mark Hellinger, who was never lacking in imagination or a sense of the unexpected.

Mention should be made of Ann Carter. She plays the daughter (by his first wife) of Geoffrey Carroll, and is called upon to do a lot of solid performing. She is on top of it every time. (Warners).

"NORTHWEST OUTPOST"

Queen's. Nelson Eddy, Ilona

Lying loosely between the brackets of light opera and musical comedy this little phantasy is ineptly titled.

There is, it is true, one scene in which a bunch of soldiers desert the scene of action for a short time to return slightly battered and bleeding after what the audience is given to believe to have been an all-night with the Indians. But that is the only happening coincident with the customary expectations on seeing such a title.

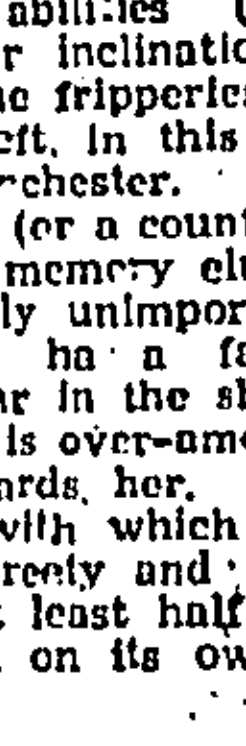
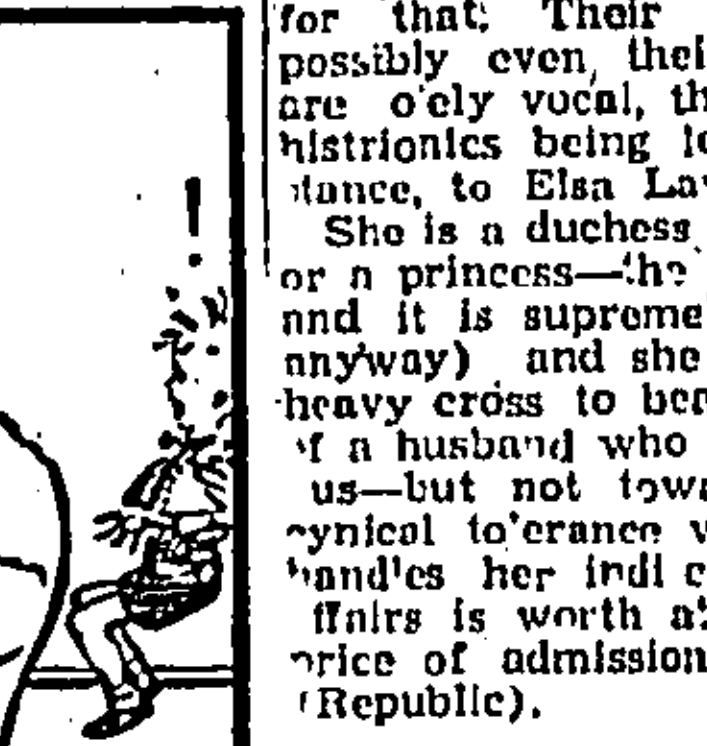
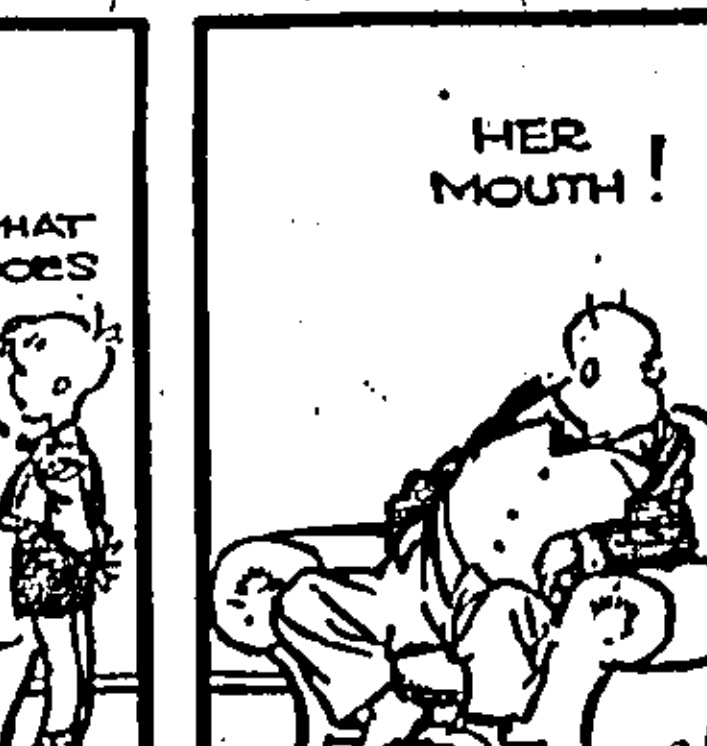
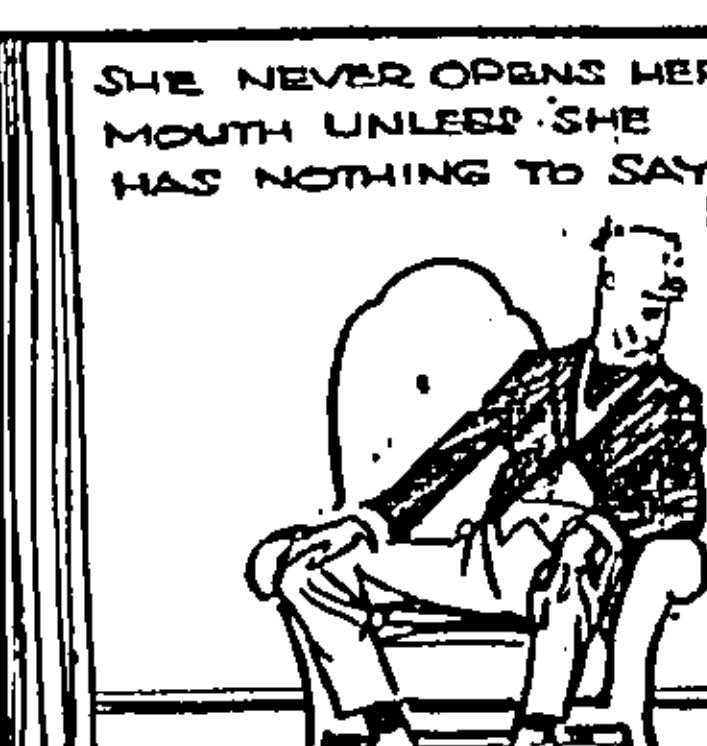
For the rest it is an uninspired tale of some mildly tortuous goings-on in a Russian outpost in California about a century ago. It gives Ilona Massey many opportunities to display her beauty satisfactorily, and to both her and Nelson Eddy it gives adequate openings to tra-la-la effectively together and apart.

The music for this confection is by Rudolph Friml and is in his best light operatic style.

There is also some acting in "Northwest Outpost" though of course neither Mr. Eddy nor Miss Massey can be held responsible for that. Their abilities (and possibly even their inclinations) are only vocal, the fripperies of histrionics being left in this instance to Elsa Lanchester.

She is a duchess (or a countess, or a princess—the memory eludes me) and it is supremely unimportant anyway) and she has a fairly heavy cross to bear in the shape of a husband who is over-ambitious but not towards her. The cynical tolerance with which she handles her indelicately and his affairs is worth at least half the price of admission on its own. (Republic).

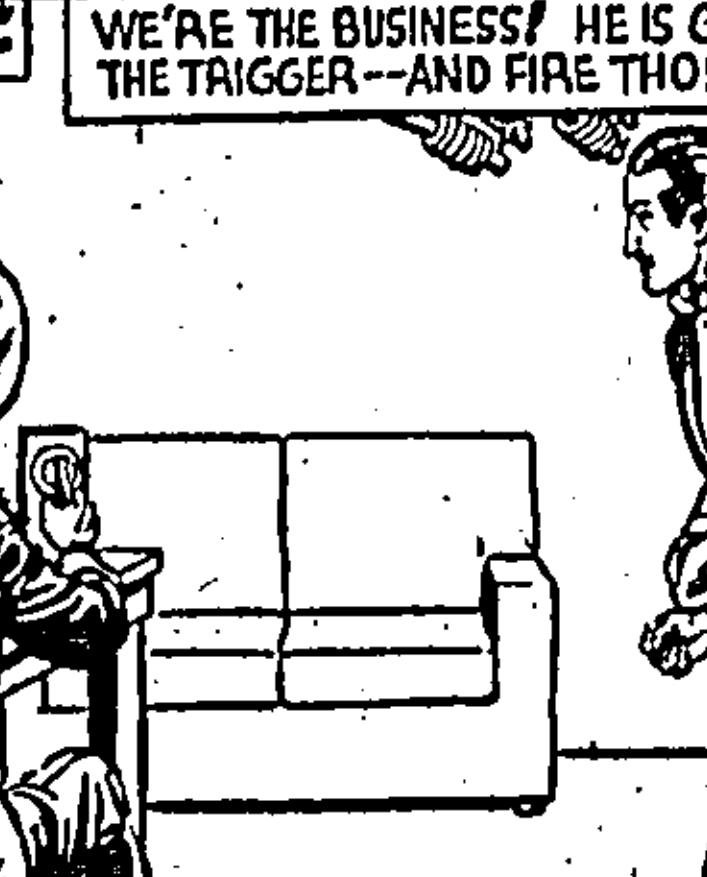
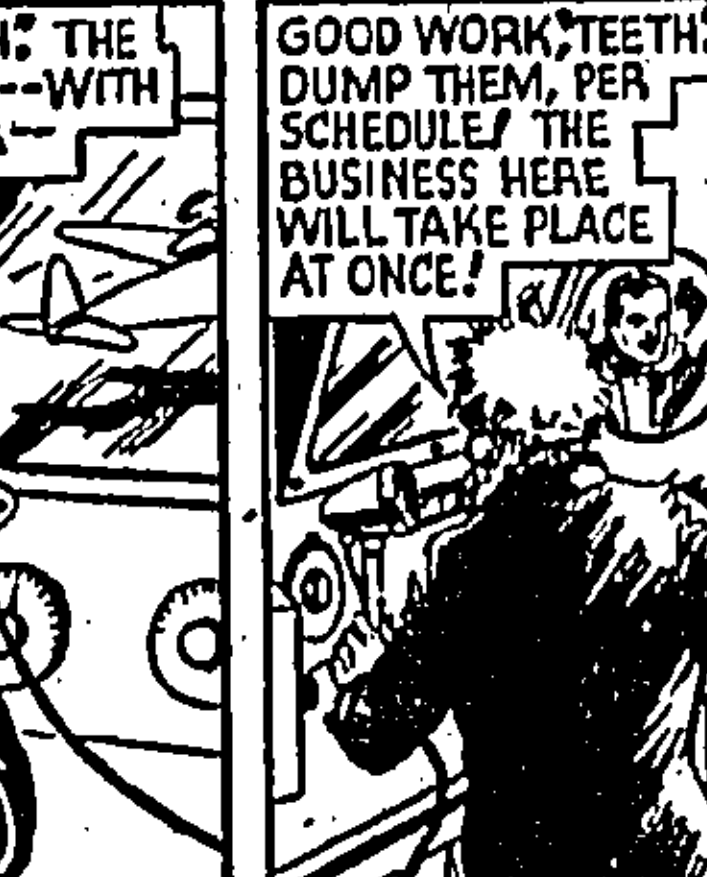
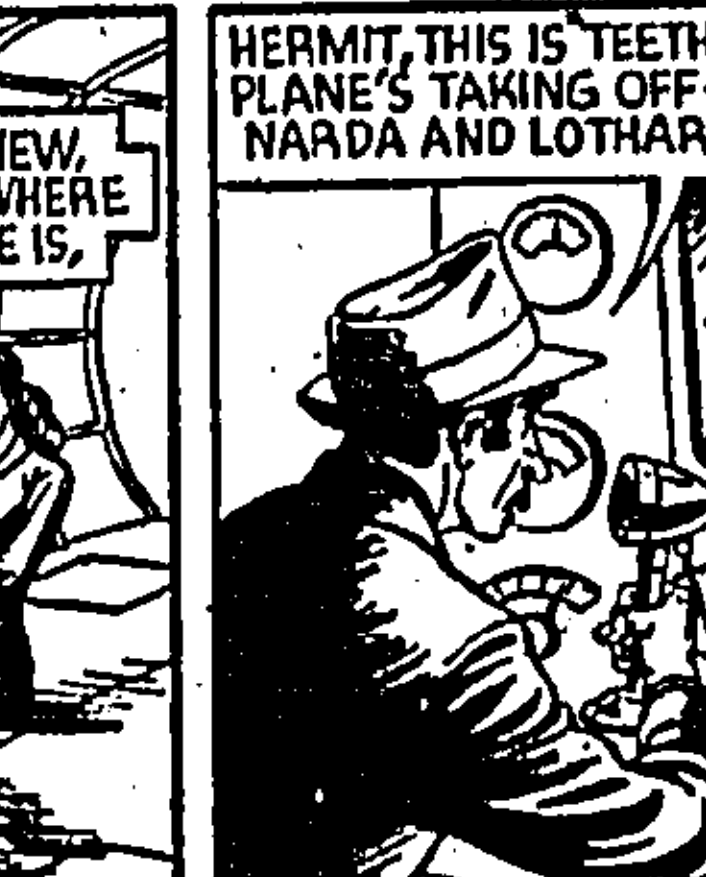
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"Abandon Concept Of Jewish State" Appeal

Paris, November 17.

The leading Arab figure of the United Nations, Faris
El Khoury, in a two-hour speech today,
made a passionate appeal in the Political Com-
mittee for abolition of the concept of a Jewish
State.He denied that the General Assembly had any right
to create such a State.In any case, those delegates
who had voted for partition
represented only 500 million of
the world's population, while
those who had provided voting
for the plan represented 1,000
million."There is no provision in in-
ternational practice in law, to
allow foreigners, invaders, intru-
ders, outsiders to swarm into a
country, settle there and impose
themselves upon the majority
native population," Faris Bey
said.He reproached the General As-
sembly and the Security Council
for rejecting his many efforts to
ask the International Court of
Justice to pronounce upon whether
the partition plan was based on
law and equity.Why do not the displaced
Jews go back to the countries
from which they were driven?
There used to be three and a
half million Jews in Poland, he
said.

Ridiculous Claim

"We are told that only half a
million of these survived. Why
does not the Polish Govern-
ment share among these sur-
vivors the homes, the property,
the wealth of the original
owners?"That would mean each Polish
Jew would now be some six
times richer than he was before
the war, said Faris Bey. "He
would be able to live in peace
and happiness in his own coun-
try."The Jews who were persecut-
ed in Germany can now safely
live there, since Nazism and
Fascism have been stamped out
and democracy established.Faris Bey contended that it
was ridiculous to claim the exis-
tence of a Jewish race or nation.
"Most of the Jews now in
Palestine, or those who intend to
come there are not children of
Israel," he said. He argued that
they were of all races and added
that most of the Jews of Eastern
Europe, the majority of the im-
migrants, were descendants of
the Mongolian Kassar tribe, which
was converted to Judaism in the
13th century when it was spread
around the northern shores of the
Caspian Sea.

Liberal Offer

Faris Bey added, however, "let
us accept the Jews already in
Palestine, whether legally orillegally, let us make them all
legitimate citizens of Palestine,
and let us establish a single State
with a democratic constitution."Let this constitution be
either central, as in France,
federal as in the United States,
or cantonal as in Switzerland.""And let the minorities have a
certain amount of local autonomy."
"This is a liberal offer, a very
tolerant and very generous one
to accept these invaders and
intruders from all over the
world."He warned the United Nations
that any attempt to enforce the
Bernadotte proposals would make
the Middle East a permanent
storm centre."The Arab States would for
ever be forced to arm, to resist,
to fight," he said.The delegate of Iraq said that
the British and Americans had
accepted partition in the first
place "to perpetuate in the East
the Balkanisation which, for
them, is a guarantee of equilib-
rium," he declared.

"Terrible Ulcer"

After the British withdrawal
the Arabs could almost have
liquidated Zionism had not Count
Bernadotte come along to ask
for four weeks' truce, in which
to study the problem."We accepted it out of loy-
alty to the United Nations. But
the Jews did so in order to
group their forces and get more
arms.""The Arab Governments had
hoped that Count Bernadotte
would produce a peaceful solu-
tion, but when they saw that it
was grounded on the idea of
partition, they could not enter-
tain it."The Iraq delegate warned the
Committee that 40 million Arabs
in seven States surrounded
Palestine. Linked with these there
were millions of North African
Arabs and 400 million other
Muslims."The question goes far beyond
little Palestine," he said."A Jewish State can become a
terrible ulcer, a permanent
threat of disturbance in a region
which is particularly vulnerable
to such disturbances,"—Reuter.

WIDOW'S KILLER TO BE HANGED

Norwich, November 17.

Stanley Joseph Clark, aged
34, of Great Yarmouth, is to be
executed at Norwich Prison to-
morrow for the murder of a
widow, Florence May Bentley,
who died after being stabbed
at a Yarmouth boarding house.Clark will be that first person
to be hanged in Britain since
February.Since the attempted inclusion
of the "no hanging" clause in the
Criminal Justice Bill a number
of murderers have been reprieved.
On Friday, Peter Griffiths, aged
22, is to be executed at Liver-
pool for the murder of three-
year-old June Ann Devaney.—
Reuter.

Weather Experts In Conference

New Delhi, November 17.
The Asian conference of
weather experts, meeting here
since November 10, today ap-
pointed two sub-commissions:One, on agricultural mete-
orology with India, Pakistan,
SCAP, Indo-China, Iran, In-
donesia and the USSR as
members, and one on hy-
drology with China, Iran,
Indo-China, the Philippines,
India, Pakistan and the
USSR as members.Duties will include advis-
ing members of the Asian re-
gion and working in close
collaboration with the per-
manent commissions of the
International Meteorological
Organisation.The present session is to
end on Friday.—Associated
Press.

Armed Aid By US Is "Essential"

Washington, November 17.

The United States Defence Secretary, Mr. James
Forrestal, declared today that armed United
States aid to Western Europe was essential
to guarantee that area's security and economic
recovery.He was speaking at a press
conference on his return from
a six day tour of Europe which
he spent finding out "what we
could and what we should do."Mr. Forrestal said he would
discuss the projected military aid
programme for Europe, an aid
programme for Europe and his
impressions gained in Paris, Ber-
lin and London with President
Truman whom he will visit in
Key West, Florida, tomorrow.He refused to commit himself
on the extent of American armed
aid or the likely dollar ex-
penditure involved.Mr. Forrestal declared: "I
want to say that this will not be
arming for war—arming is a
manifestation of national confi-
dence essential for security and
economic recovery."Mr. Forrestal said: "As with
the European Recovery pro-
gramme, efforts by Europe must
precede anything we do. I think
those efforts are being done now."He said equal emphasis on
his conviction that the pro-
gramme must be a "two-way
and a parallel operation."The Defence Secretary was pre-
sumably referring to the pro-
liminary mutual defence plans
being worked out by the Western
Union powers.His statement constituted the
strongest endorsement of the
projected programme that has
been made by a member of the
American Cabinet in public.—
Reuter.

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San Francisco, November 18.

Steamer Star Reefer sailed on
Tuesday for Yokohama; tanker
Moss Bay for Manila.Seattle Steamer General
H. B. Freeman arrived from
Yokohama. Fred C. Ainsworth
sailed for Yokohama.Tacoma: Steamer Andre F.
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hama.—Associated Press.Santiago, November 18.
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Noah's Ark Said Found On Ararat

Istanbul, November 18.

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insist resembles a ship have been found high
up Mount Ararat, biblical landing place of
Noah's ark.Apparently hidden for centuries, it came to light
when unusually warm weather melted away an
ancient mantle of ice and snow.While various persons have
from time to time reported
seeing objects resembling a
"house" or a "ship" on the
mountain, Turks who have seen
this profess it to be the only
known object which actually
could be taken as the remains
of a ship.A Kurdish farmer named
Reshit was about two-thirds of
the way up the 16,000 foot peak when
he came upon an object, he had
never seen before, although he
had been up the mountain many
times. He moved about it and
then climbed higher to look down
on it.There, Reshit exclaimed, was
the prow of a ship protruding
into a canyon down which tons
of melted ice and snow had been
gushing for more than two
months.The prow was almost entirely
revealed, but the rest of the form
was still covered.

A Ship

But the contour of the earth,
Reshit said, indicated the in-
visible part of the object was
shaped "like a ship. The prowhe added, was about the size
of a house.It came down to it and with
his dagger tried to break off a
piece. It was so hard it would not
break. It was blackened with age.
It was not, Reshit insisted, a
simple rock formation."I know a ship when I see
one," he said. "This is a ship."According to the Bible, the ship
in which Noah and the chosen
few escaped the great flood was
triple decked, had a length of
450 feet, was 75 feet wide and
had a height of 43 feet. An ex-
pedition from America bent on
finding remains of the Ark an-
nounced last summer that it was
coming out to see what it could
find, but no one out East has
reported any foreign visitors.—
Associated Press.

\$3,000 MILLION IN ERP

Washington, November 18.
Distribution of Marshall Plan
Aid funds has passed the \$3,000-
000,000 mark.The allocations announced to-
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"TJITALENGKA"	from Macassar & Javaport 11th Dec.	to Javaport & Macassar 23rd Dec.

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Ship	Arrivals	Departures
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Ship	Arrivals	Departures
"MARIEKERK"	from Japan Shanghai 20th November	to Europe via Manila & Straits 21st November
"MOLENKERK"	from Europe 3rd Dec.	to Europe via Manila & Straits 14th December
"MEERKERK"	from Europe End Dec.	to Europe via Manila & Straits, Mid January

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FINANCE AND COMMERCE

LOW STANDARD OF LIVING TO CONTINUE IN WEST GERMANY

London Stock Exchange

London, November 17.
Prices today moved higher under the influence of buying for the new account. Trading, however, never reached large proportions but was sufficient for the consolidation of many small improvements.

Industrialist to benefit included textiles, electrical engineering and building. Tobacco was hesitant after early firmness.

The oil market displayed some irregularity but one or two of the leading issues were firm on small buying. British Government stocks, forced ahead with long-dated issues in keen demand. The market continues to discuss the prospect of new Government finance in the near future.

A sharp fall in the London railway was the result of some doubts as to payment of compensation for companies' unrecouped capital. Other foreign calls included a variety of issues.

An active market in South African development shares created useful gains in certain of these issues. Dividend payments were outstanding from on most of the issues.

RECENTLY
British Consols, 2 1/2%, 1947-52, 108 1/2
Government Loan, 2 1/2%, 1947-52, 108 1/2
Funding Loan, 2 1/2%, 1947-52, 108 1/2
War Loan, 2 1/2%, 1947-52, 108 1/2
Victory Bonds, 4%, 1947-52, 108 1/2
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INDUSTRIAL
British American Tobacco Co. of G.I. & Ireland, 4 1/2%
Imperial Chemical Industries, Ltd., 4 1/2%
Imperial Tobacco Co. (G.I. & Ireland), 4 1/2%
TEA SHARES
Asahi Consolidated Tea, 2 1/2%
Asian Tea Company, 2 1/2%
Dunlop Tea Company, 2 1/2%
Emp. of India & Ceylon Tea Co., 10 1/2%
Imperial Tea Company, 2 1/2%
MINE SHARES
Hurns Corp., 5 1/2%
Crown Mines, 3 1/2%
Naudyong Mines, 1 1/2%
Rand Mines, 6 1/2%
Suez Canal, 6 1/2%
Sub Nigel, 4 1/2%
Tavoy Tin Co., 1 1/2%
Union Corporation, 20 1/2%
OIL SHARES
Royal Dutch Co., 24 1/2%
Shell Transport & Trading Co., 4 1/2%
SHIPPING
P. & O. Steam Navigation Co., Ltd., 4 1/2%
GILDED
Fynning Loan, 5 1/2%, 104 1/2-110
National War Bonds, 2 1/2%
1947/51, 101
1952/54, 101 1/2-102 1/2
1954/56, 102 1/2
1956/58, 102 1/2
Savings Bonds, 3 1/2%
1952/55, 104 1/2
1955/58, 104 1/2
1958/61, 104 1/2
EXCHANGE
Belmont Bank, 1 1/2%, 100-100 1/2-101
FOREIGN BONDS
German Loan (Bawags), 7 1/2%
Japanese 5 1/2%, 1947/47, 80
Japanese 6 1/2%, 1947/47, 25 1/2
Jan. S. Manchurian Rly., 6 1/2%, 102 1/2
BANKS
Chartered Bank of India, 4 1/2%
Hong Kong & Shanghai Bank, 10 1/2%
Mercantile Bank of India, 4 1/2%

CHINESE EXTERNAL LOANS
Tientsin-Peking Railway, 6 1/2%
Lunghua Railway, 6 1/2%
Reurk Loan, 6 1/2%, 1913-12
Crisp Loan, 6 1/2%, 1912-12
Hokwang Railway, 5 1/2%, 1911-12
Hunan Railway, 5 1/2%, 1911-12
Shanghai-Nanking Rly., 6 1/2%
Kowloon Canton Railway, 6 1/2%
Sterling Bonds, 11 1/2%
—Reuter

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Frankfurt, November 17.
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General Robertson criticised German mishandling of food, finance and other governmental problems confronting Western Germany.

Condemning the German official fumbling of crucial issues and its results, he used phrases like "ugly business," "very unsatisfactory," "very dangerous," "not encouraging," "I should like to see some faster progress."

An economic comeback brought about by currency reform does not justify rosy dreams about softening in Germany, General Robertson said.

He said: "It is not to be expected that the standard of living of the German people will suddenly rise to a level such as that which they enjoyed before the war. That is not possible. Germany will have to be content with much more of a modest standard of living for a long time to come."

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deal of nonsense is going on and Western Germany is losing a good deal of money in consequence."

6. The over-quick scrapping of price controls. "One result has been to produce a widening of the gap between wages and prices." —United Press.

Planned Economy Needed

Washington, November 17.
Mr. Tom Williams, Britain's Minister for Agriculture, today urged global stabilisation of food and farm prices to combat world hunger.

Speaking at the fourth annual conference of the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organisation, Mr. Williams told delegates from the 57 member nations that a form of planned economy on an international scale is now needed.

"In the past century," he said, "we largely relied on a free functioning price mechanism to equate supplies with effective demand."

"Now, all this is largely inoperative. A large element of planning has necessarily entered the world system."

The British Minister said that while there can be no "master plan" with a "specific production and stabilisation" programme, progress can be made through broad co-operative agreements.

Associated Press.

SILVER AND GOLD MARKETS

London: Silver, Spot, fine ounce 45d Forward 45d; Bar, Gold, per fine ounce 172/3.

New York: Silver, Bar, (asked price) 74 1/2; Gold, per fine ounce (official) \$35.

Bombay: Silver: Ready, per 100 tolas Rupees 175, Annas 02; Forward 175, 02; Marwar (unofficial) 175, 03; Gold: delivered, per tola 113, 05; Forward (unofficial) 112, 15; Gold, Sovereign 75, 00. (One tola is equal to 1/16 of an ounce.)

Bangkok: Gold, Bar, half-weight of 152.44 grammes unquoted; Exchange Rate (Selling) Bangkok on New York T.T. 10/70, London 00/00; Hong Kong 3/75.

Paris: Free Market Rates: Napoleon 5,025; Francs, French 10, francs 2,770; Swiss franc 5,625; Union Latins 5,425; Sovereign 7,150; Half Sovereign 3,380; U.S. \$ 20 Coin 28,400; U.S. \$ 10 Coin 14,000; Sovereign (in free U.S. \$ per ounce) \$39.00; U.S. Dollar notes (in black market) 470.

Ingots: Fine Gold: Ingots, with delivery of counterpart per gramme 234/244; Fine: Without counterpart 740/780; Silver: Ingots, per kilo 6,800b; Platinum: Ingots, per kilo 600,000b; 855,000b. —Reuter.

Money Market

Gold Yuan, dropped yesterday to 2 1/2 cents in Hong Kong. For Canton and Shanghai remittances the rates were 18 cents and 10 cents respectively.

Gold also dropped. Opening at HK\$301.75, it went up to \$304 at the highest point, and then relapsed to \$301.50 at the close. U.S. dollars followed suit and went down to HK\$20.20. TT dropped to \$22.25.

Piastres opened at HK\$7.75 and closed at \$9.50 at 100. Ingots were easier at HK\$20.20.

NET Gold: Offered at HK\$33.40 and closed at \$33.50 at 100.

Sterling: Offered at HK\$4.40 and closed at HK\$4.40.

Australian: Offered at HK\$12.35.

Hong Kong Stock Exchange

A little more activity was displayed yesterday. Quotations generally remain steady, though offerings of Hong Kong Banks from outside make the price for stock the whim of fancy.

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"PAKHOT" Singapore & Penang 10 a.m. 19th Nov.	"HANYANG" Swatow 10 a.m. 21st Nov.
"NANCHANG" Shanghai, Incheon 4 p.m. 19th Nov.	"FENGTEI" Shanghai & Swatow 10 a.m. 23rd Nov.
"SHENGKING" Amoy, Foochow 10 a.m. 19th Nov.	"HUNAN" Tientsin, Incheon 7 a.m. 23rd Nov.
"HANYANG" Swatow 10 a.m. 21st Nov.	"SHENGKING" Shanghai & Keelung 7 a.m. 27th Nov.
"FENGTEI" Shanghai & Swatow 10 a.m. 23rd Nov.	"HURH" Tientsin, Fusan 20th Nov.
"HUNAN" Tientsin, Incheon 7 a.m. 23rd Nov.	

RIVER SERVICE	ARRIVALS FROM
"KATSHAN" Sails for Canton 10 p.m. 19th Nov.	"HANYANG" Swatow 10 a.m. 21st Nov.
"WUSUEH" Sails for Macao 230 p.m. 19th Nov.	"FENGTEI" Shanghai & Swatow 10 a.m. 23rd Nov.
	"HUNAN" Tientsin, Incheon 7 a.m. 23rd Nov.

Agents: BLUE FUNNEL LINE
U.K. SERVICE
Arrivals from U.K. via Straits
"ASTYANAX" 26th Nov.
"SARFEDON" 29th Nov.
"CALCULUS" 2nd Dec.
"EUREMEDON" 5th Dec.

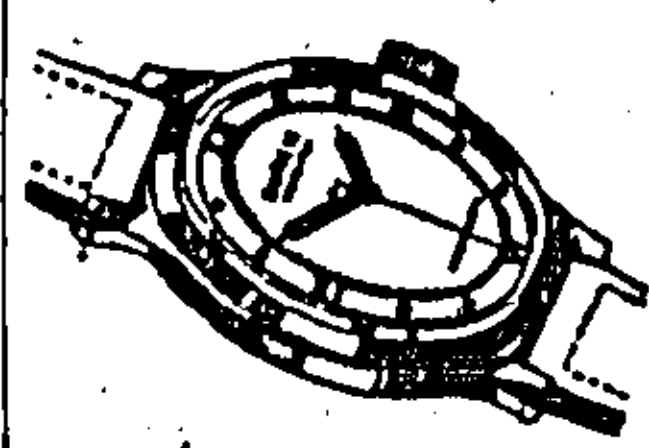
Sailings to	ARRIVALS FROM
"ASTYANAX" Nagoya, Shimizu, Yokohama and Kobe 20th Nov.	"HANYANG" Swatow 10 a.m. 21st Nov.
"SARFEDON" Liverpool & Glasgow via Port Said 20th Nov.	"FENGTEI" Shanghai & Swatow 10 a.m. 23rd Nov.
	"HUNAN" Tientsin, Incheon 7 a.m. 23rd Nov.

NEW YORK SERVICE	ARRIVALS FROM
"AGAMEMNON" U.S.A. via Manila & Shanghai 24th Nov.	"HANYANG" Swatow 10 a.m. 21st Nov.
"RIEXENOR" U.S.A. via Manila & Shanghai 21st Dec.	"FENGTEI" Shanghai & Swatow 10 a.m. 23rd Nov.
	"HUNAN" Tientsin, Incheon 7 a.m. 23rd Nov.

Sailings to	ARRIVALS FROM
"SHANSI" Sandakan, Sydney, Melbourne & Brisbane 20th Nov.	"HANYANG" Swatow 10 a.m. 21st Nov.
"CHANGTE" Sydney 1st Dec.	"FENGTEI" Shanghai & Swatow 10 a.m. 23rd Nov.
	"HUNAN" Tientsin, Incheon 7 a.m. 23rd Nov.

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Japan Faces New Govt Crisis

Tokyo, November 18. Japan today faced a new political crisis, which American observers here believed would wreck the Government, over a statement by Mr. Shigeru Yoshida, the Prime Minister, urging members of his party to disregard statements by General Courtney Whitney, chief of the Government Section at Supreme Allied Headquarters.

According to the paper Daiichi Shimbun, Mr. Yoshida, who took office at the head of a Democratic Labour Government after the recent bribery scandal, said: "I wish party members to endeavour to achieve our original objective by trusting General MacArthur, the Supreme Allied Commander, and me without being misled by foreign propaganda or statements by General Whitney."

He added that there was no change in the Government's established policy of dissolving Parliament after the passage of the Public Service Law banning strikes sponsored by General MacArthur and related laws, American observers here said.

General Whitney, who is General MacArthur's closest adviser, had made no secret of his hostility to Mr. Yoshida. His Government Section has been the source of several foreign stories that the dissolution of the Diet, on which the Government is set because it has no majority in the present Diet, was unconstitutional.—Reuter.

U.S. Private Rescues Trapped Japs

Sandal, November 18. A former Pennsylvania coal miner, US Army private Salvatore Forte of Hattboro, Pennsylvania, has rescued four trapped Japanese coal miners after more than a week's work to drive a 90-foot shaft to them.

Eighth Army officials here announced that four Japanese coal miners trapped in a cave since November 8 at Yoshioka were rescued alive this morning.

The announcement said, "They were rushed to a Japanese hospital where they are expected to live."

The Army said that Private Forte worked with a crew of Japanese miners to drive a 90-foot shaft to the rescue.

Forte had borrowed two air hammers and other equipment from the United States Army 6889 Engineer construction outfit.

Three days ago all hope for the trapped Japanese miners was abandoned but Forte refused to give up. He continued his efforts to get them.

Yoshioka is 15 miles North of Sandai.—United Press.

Arms For China To Be Picketed

Vancouver, B.C., November 17.

Student clubs at the University of British Columbia today voted to picket the 35 Island-side, which is loading arms and munitions for China.

Left Wing student clubs made the picket decision at separate meetings in Vancouver today.

The Island-side is loading 80 twin-engine Mosquito bombers, explosive components and military supplies for China's Nationalist forces. It is to leave for Shanghai when loading is completed, probably by the end of the week.

The students, who staged a similar display last year when the steamship Collins loaded arms for China, said picketing would start tomorrow.—United Press.

KASENKINA WELL

New York, November 18. Mrs. Oksana Kaseknina, 35-year-old Russian school teacher who leaped from a third story window of the Soviet consulate here three months ago because she wanted to escape, will leave hospital tomorrow.—Reuter.

With three wickets in hand, the Malayan Combined Services were 116 runs behind the Hong Kong Services at the close of play in their cricket game at Chater Road yesterday. The game will be continued today at 11 a.m.

Hong Kong Services batted first and compiled 195 runs. Major Murray Brown opened the innings and contributed a very useful 30 runs. W/Cdr. Panton batted brilliantly for 60 runs and when the local side were all out he was still undefeated.

Parham, the Malayan Services fast bowler, had only three overs and was taken off owing to injury. As the result, the Malayan

Services attack was less formidable than before. Syrett was the most successful bowler, taking four wickets for 55 runs. Against the steady bowling of Stepto, Gambrell and Banton the Malayan Services lost seven wickets for 79 runs.

HK Combined Services	
Major L. B. Murray Brown, c. Steele, b. Syrett	30
F/O. M. D. Marshall, c. Lloyd, b. Syrett	3
Lt. Cmdr. G. W. Vivian, b. Leggett	17
A/C. J. C. Beirne, c. Lee, b. Lloyd	1
Major A. R. Dawe, c. Lee, b. Syrett	1
Major A. E. G. Hale, lbw, b. Syrett	10
W/Cdr. A.D. Panton, not out	60
Gnr. D. Banton, c. Robinson, b. Steele	10
Lt. A. Stepto, run out	6
F/Officer Gambrell, b. Kenyon	1
Col. Hodgson, c. Lee, b. Steele	16
Extras	25
Total	185

Tennis Results

Results of yesterday's tennis at the Ladies Recreation Club:

Club Ladies' Doubles: Mrs. Shevan and Mrs. Stroobach beat Mrs. Bradley and Miss Lambert 7-5, 6-3.

TODAY'S GAMES: Ladies' Handicap Singles (9.30 a.m.)

Mrs. Prophy v Mrs. Campbell, Club Mixed Doubles (4.30 p.m.)

Mr. K. Standloft and Mrs. Litton v Mr. P. Bonnerman and Mrs. Getz.

In the only game played at the Chinese Recreation Club, Mr. Wong Shu-wing beat Mr. Chey Tin-wah 7-5, 6-2 in the Colony Singles of the Harcourt Tournament.

Cricket Line-Ups

The following have been chosen to represent Craykepower Cricket Club in a First Division cricket match against Royal Navy at Happy Valley tomorrow, play commencing at 1.45 p.m.

G. A. Souza, J. Hing Chey, S. Ruffhead, P. J. Billimoria, T. Crabtree, R. Tay, A. H. Ismail, B. O. Baker, D. Leonard, J. I. Youngs and S. Leonard.

The following have been selected to represent the Club de Reccol in a League cricket match against Kowloon Cricket Club on the latter's ground. Play will commence at 1.45 p.m.

E. A. R. Alves (Captain), J. L. S. Alves, C. A. Gutierrez, A. A. Gutierrez, D. E. Remedios, A. A. Osmond, C. M. L. Soares, L. A. Luz, D.M. Rodrigues, A.V. Lopes, L. Vieira and E. M. Rosario, 12th man.

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Malaya Formidable Challenge For Cup

Copenhagen, November 18. Malaya presents the most formidable challenge outside the European nations to Denmark's badminton supremacy.

This is the view of Danish badminton circles, and Denmark's team for the Thomas Cup is expected to be reshuffled shortly.

The Thomas Cup is the Davis Cup of the badminton world. Denmark is expected to win the European Zone final, and will

meet Malaya, winners of the Pacific Zone in the challenge round.

The reshuffle of the Danish team follows the sensational defeat in a tournament of some of Denmark's top players, and Malaya will face a far stronger Danish side than that which beat Ireland earlier this month.

In the championships held at one of the country's biggest badminton clubs all players in the match against Ireland were defeated. Equally surprising results have emerged from other clubs.

As a result of these upheavals, at least two changes are expected in the Thomas Cup team to meet Sweden in the second round.

However, the final outcome depends on the Copenhagen championships, which are being held from November 21 to December 1.

Youthful Find
Denmark's 25,000 badminton fans are talking about the way in which an unknown Copenhagen clerk, 19-year-old

Mogens Koelle, defeated with apparent ease two of the biggest names in the game—the international stars, Einarsson and Joern Skarup.

The five top men in Denmark are now unofficially listed as Joern Skarup, Poul Holm, Mogens Koelle, Preben Dabelsteen and Boerge Frederiksen.

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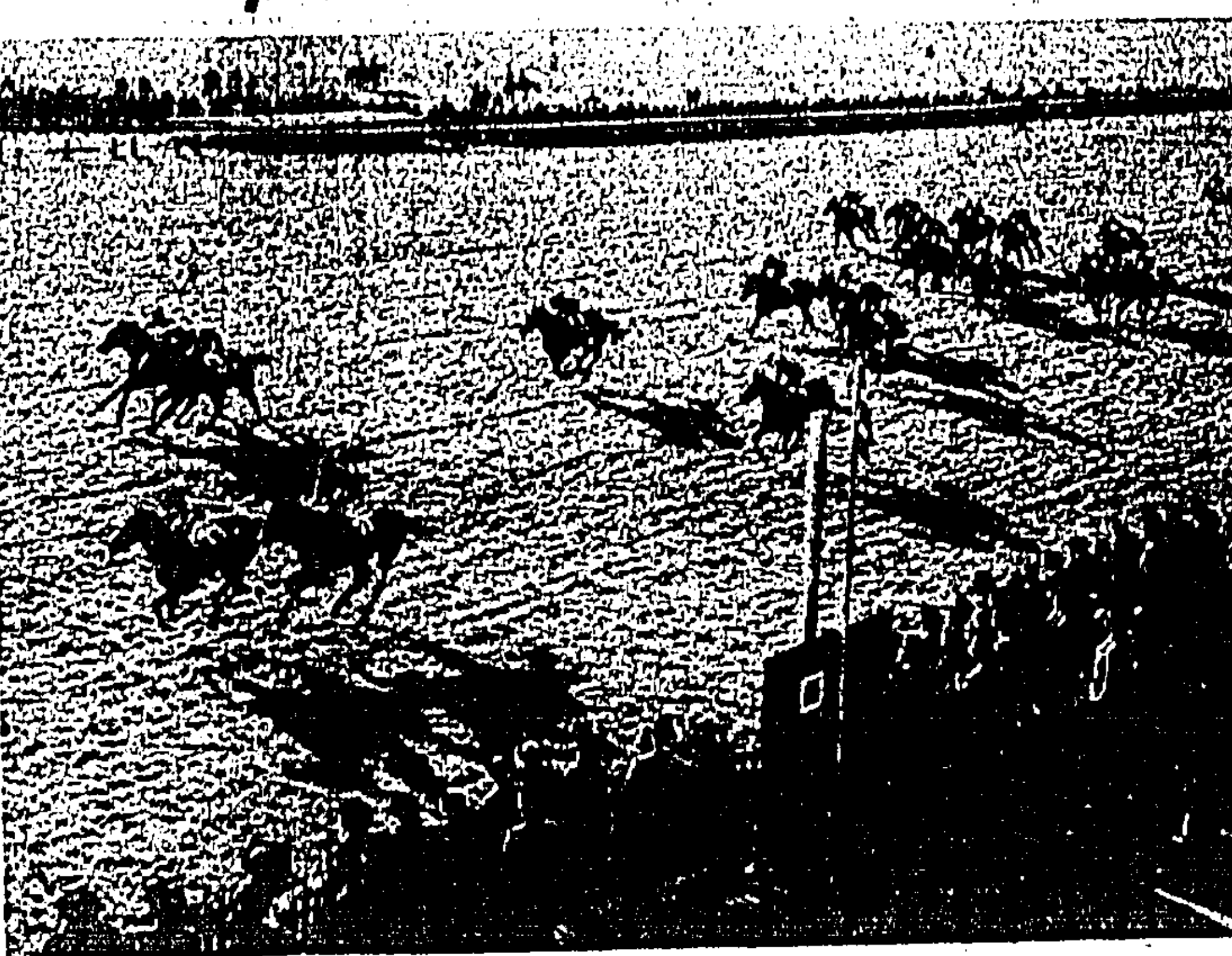
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Copenhagen, November 18. Malaya presents the most formidable challenge outside the European nations to Denmark's badminton supremacy.

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The Thomas Cup is the Davis Cup of the badminton world. Denmark is expected to win the European Zone final, and will

meet Malaya, winners of the Pacific Zone in the challenge round.

The reshuffle of the Danish team follows the sensational defeat in a tournament of some of Denmark's top players, and Malaya will face a far stronger Danish side than that which beat Ireland earlier this month.

In the championships held at one of the country's biggest badminton clubs all players in the match against Ireland were defeated. Equally surprising results have emerged from other clubs.

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Army Rugby Team Picked To Defeat RAF Police Side

(By "TOUCH JUDGE")

At the Army Ground at Soakunpoo tomorrow, the Army team, at full strength, should not have great difficulty in overcoming the RAF-HK Police team, although their forwards will certainly have to fight hard to get their share of the ball, both in the tight scrums and in the loose; this being RAF-Police side's strongest point.

The Army halves were outstanding against Navy last week, and Wright-Nooth and the remainder of the back row will have their work cut out to hold Roberts and Wilson. It is not yet known whether Panton will be playing, but it should even things up amongst the backs if he can turn out for RAF-Police.

The Navy team at the time of writing has not been received and with the number of ships still at sea, they will be unlikely to produce a full representative team.

Nevertheless, they should give Club an extremely good fight and unless Club can improve on the form shown by their backs lately, they may even overcome them. The forwards should be very evenly matched, as it was obvious last week that on many occasions Navy pack were pushing the Army off the ball and as Club are at their best in tight scrums a fairly even battle for possession of the ball should be seen.

Still Experimenting
Club are still experimenting with their side and introducing new players in Robilash on the wing, who played at one time for the Mediterranean Fleet, and Chevreau, who played for Shanghai as a forward and was outstanding in the mid-week game between Club 1st and 2nd XV's.

Lochan comes in this week at scrum-half. J. Henderson moving to fly-half and I think this should lead to more thrust in the centre of the Club backs. It was thought that there might have been further changes amongst the Club team after the game against the 2nd XV on Wednesday night when the junior side produced some excellent football and for a time were very definitely on top of the 1st XV.

The Army v RAF-HK Police game will take place at 3.15 p.m. and the second match, Navy v Club, at 4.15 p.m.

RUGBY XV's
The following will represent Club vs. Royal Navy at Soakunpoo at 4.15 p.m. tomorrow:—

F. Cessford, R. De Rome, D. Henderson, H. Chevreau, J. Robinson, D. G. Lochan, L. V. Carrel, N. L. Moffat, H. M. G. Forsgate, E. Brown, T. Bowan, J. H. Waane, A. Taylor, J. Small, J. R. Henderson.

The following will represent Club "A" XV vs. HMS Sussex XV on Navy Ground, Happy Valley at 3.15 p.m. tomorrow:

A. Mackie, W. C. Allwright, J. Laidlaw, P. Franklin, D. Orchard, D. R. Y. Black, W. R. Williamson, K. Baker, R. Wyatt, B. T. Johnston, D. W. Jones, W. Minto, H. C. Sciator, A. Plowden and D. Fitzroy-Williams.

French Champion In Boxing Final
Brussels, November 17. Stephans Olek, the French champion, reached the final of the international professional heavy-weight boxing tournament tonight when he knocked out Paco Bueno, champion of Spain, in the first round of their semi-final fight.

A crowd of 3,000 saw Olek, who is the favourite for the event, attack from the start of the going, landing heavily with a series of lefts and rights.

The fight was only two minutes 45 seconds old when a short left upper cut sent the Spaniard crashing to the canvas for the third time and he had to be carried from the ring by his seconds.

Olek will meet Aaron Wilson, of the United States, in the final of the tournament in Brussels on December 4.

In the other semi-final bout, Wilson knocked out Kurt Schlegel, of Austria, in the third round.

The Austrian had the better of the fight in the first two rounds against the aggressive young Negro boxer who has average earnings in Europe since he was conscripted from the United States Army in 1946.

Schlegel outboxed Wilson in the early rounds, displaying beautiful footwork and classical punching, but, out of a clinch in the third round, he dropped his guard for

a second, and the American landed with a terrific right to the jaw which sent the Austrian spinning down for the count.—Reuter.

MIDDLEWEIGHT THREAT
London, November 17. Vince Hawkins, an Eastleigh railwayman, will restore himself firmly to the centre of the middleweight picture if he beats Jean Sirok, the French champion, at Albert Hall on November 20.

He has won over 80 fights with only one defeat in his path to the British middleweight title but two major blows came this year when he was beaten by "Pos" Murphy of New Zealand in a contest for the vacant Empire title and then in June lost the British championship to Dick Turpin.—Reuter.

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